

Dance in the
Vampire Bund

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VOLUME 14

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NOZOMU TAMAKI

Ne me bannissez point de votre souvenir.

Et puisque mon trépas conserve votre gloire.

Pour vous en revanchez conservez ma mémoire.

Et dites quelquefois, en déplorant mon sort,

“S’ils ne m’avait aimée, il ne serait pas mort.”

Banish me not from your remembrance.

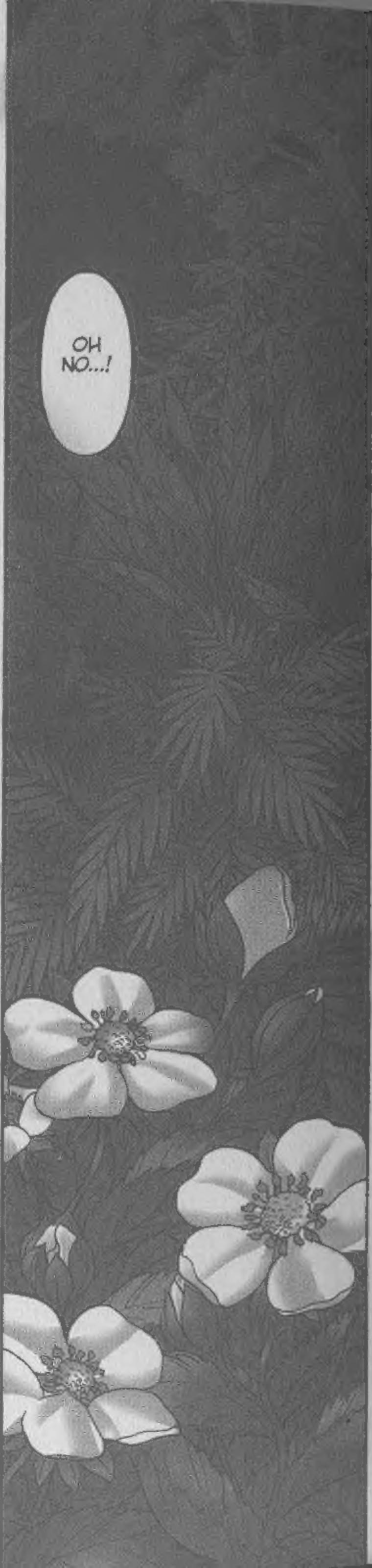
Since my doom preserves your honor,

to recompense yourself for this, preserve my memory

and say sometimes when deplored my fate,

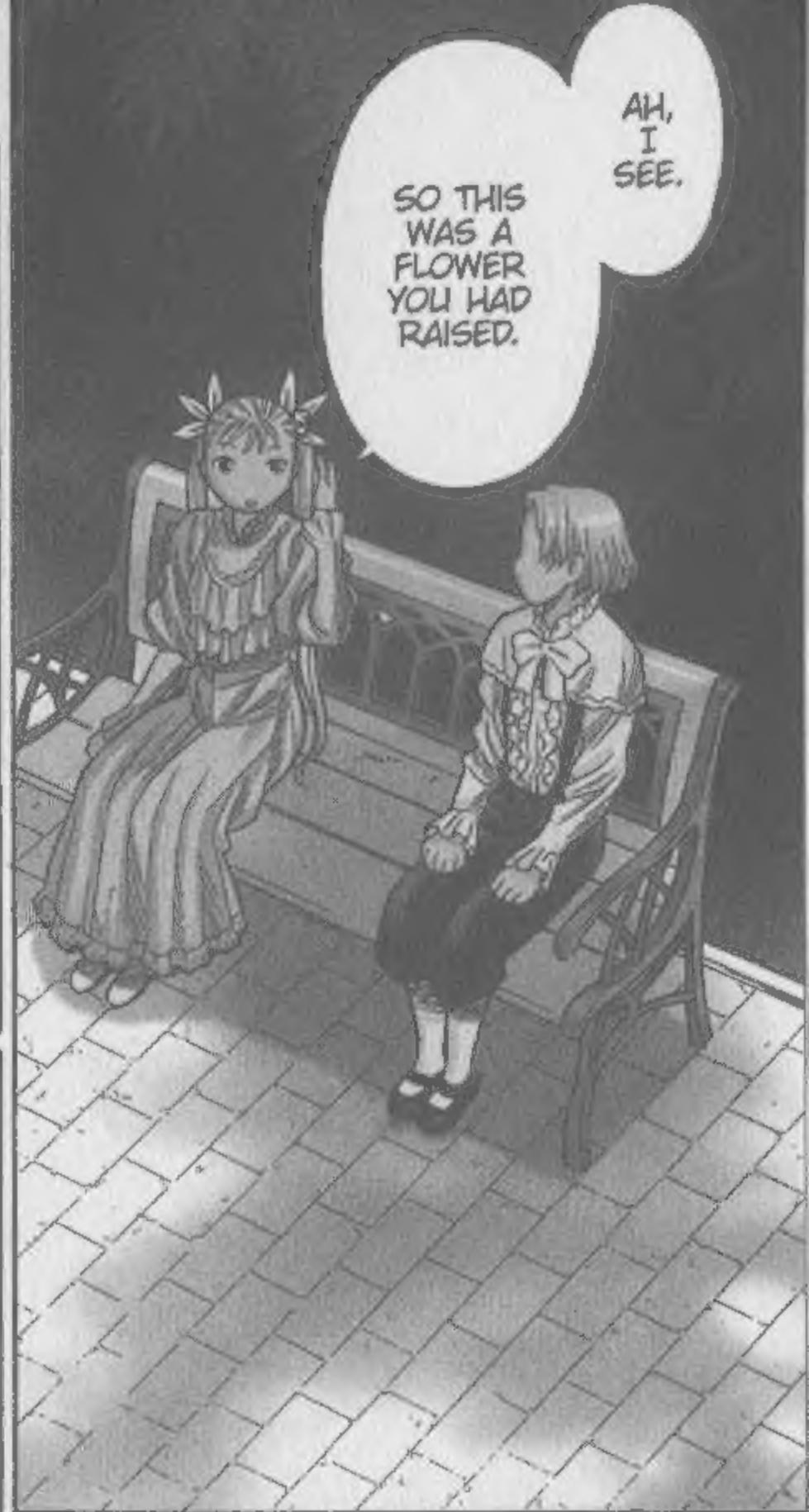
“Had he not loved me, he would not have died.”

Corneille. Le Cid. D.7





Chapter 76: A Long-Ago Promise





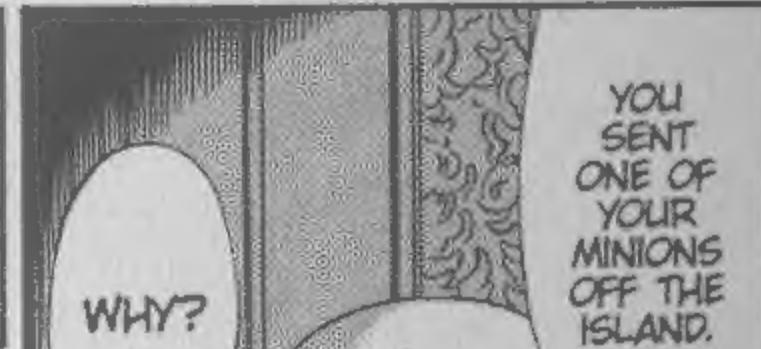
*The yuugao flower is commonly called the moonflower. It is known for its night-blooming white flowers.

**Cipangu is an archaic name for Japan, taken from the diaries of Marco Polo.





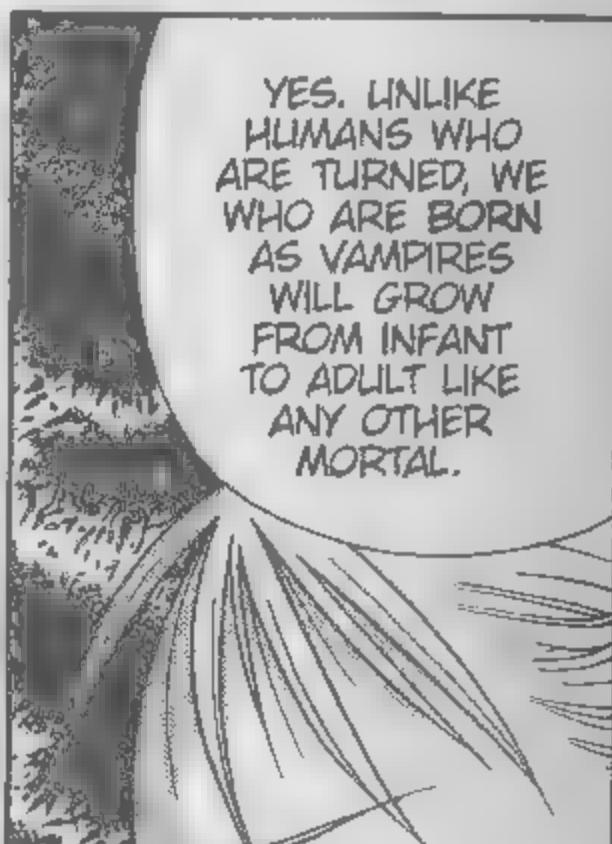


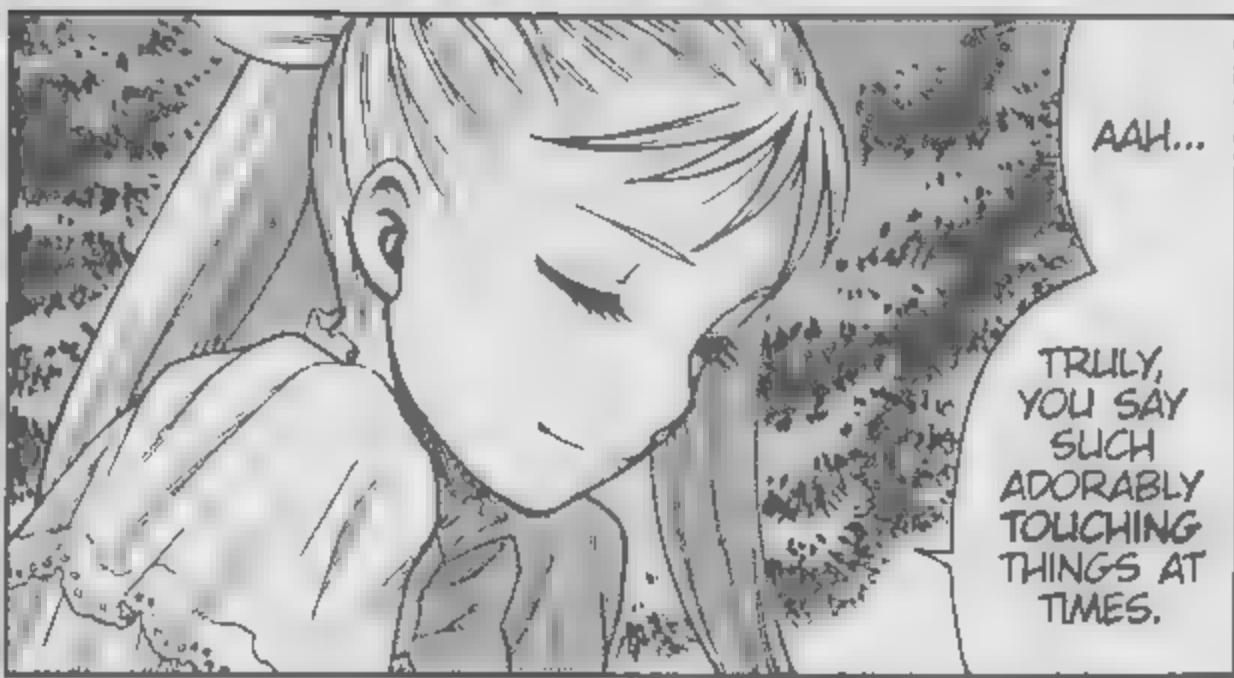


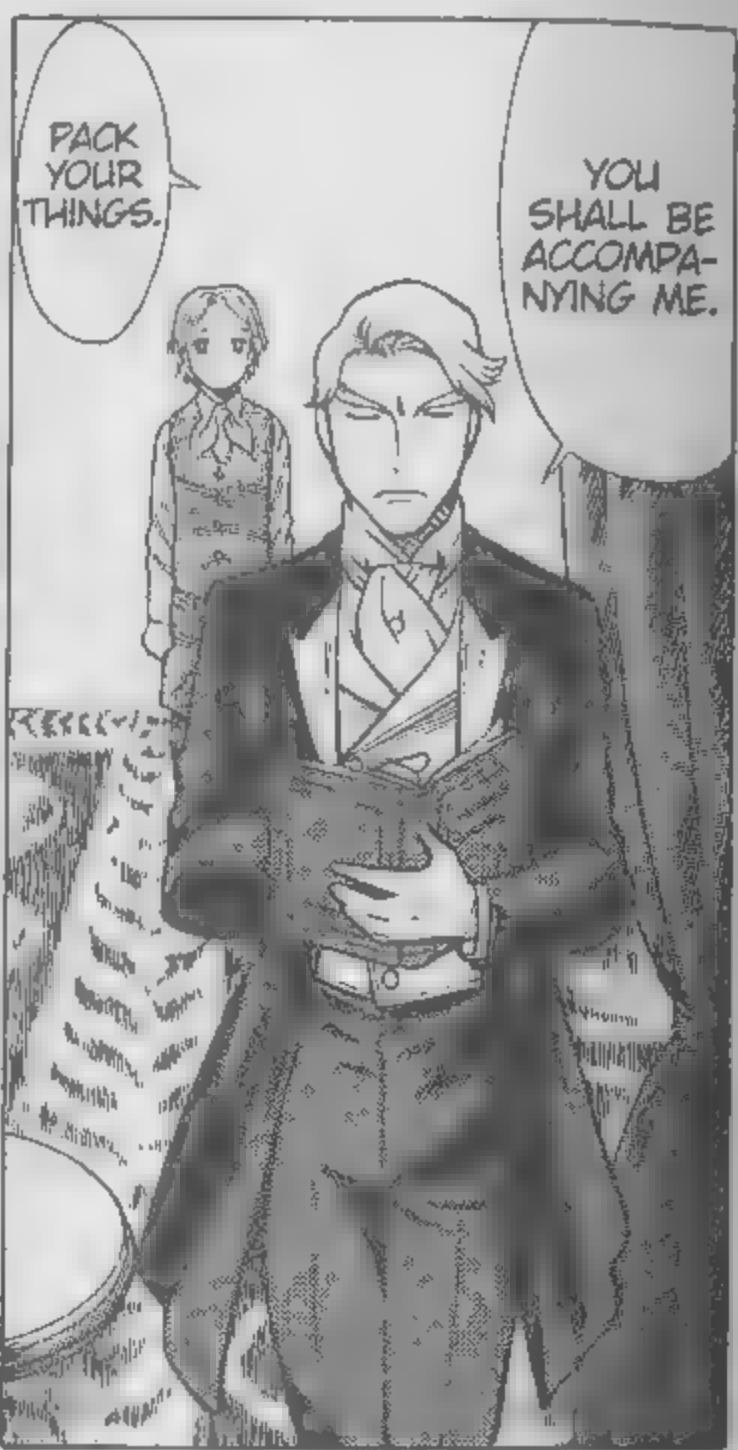








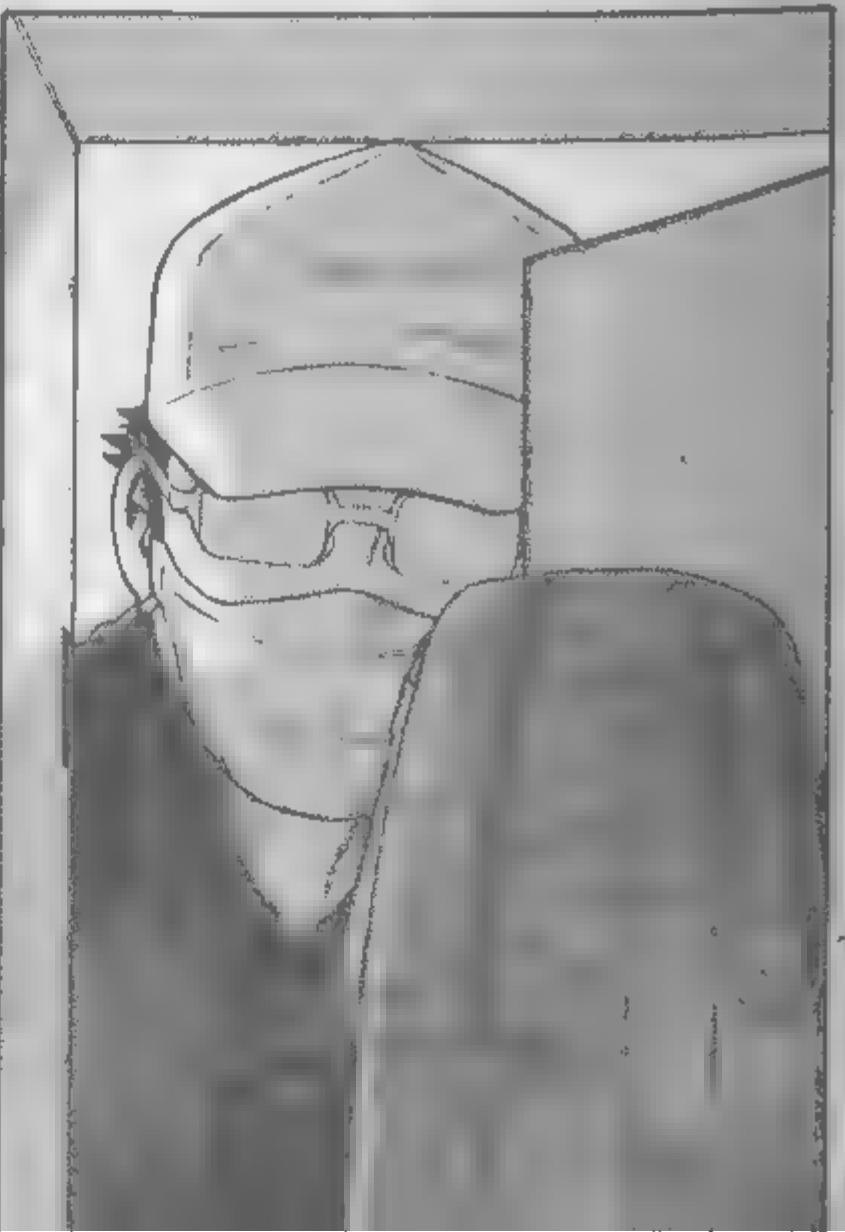
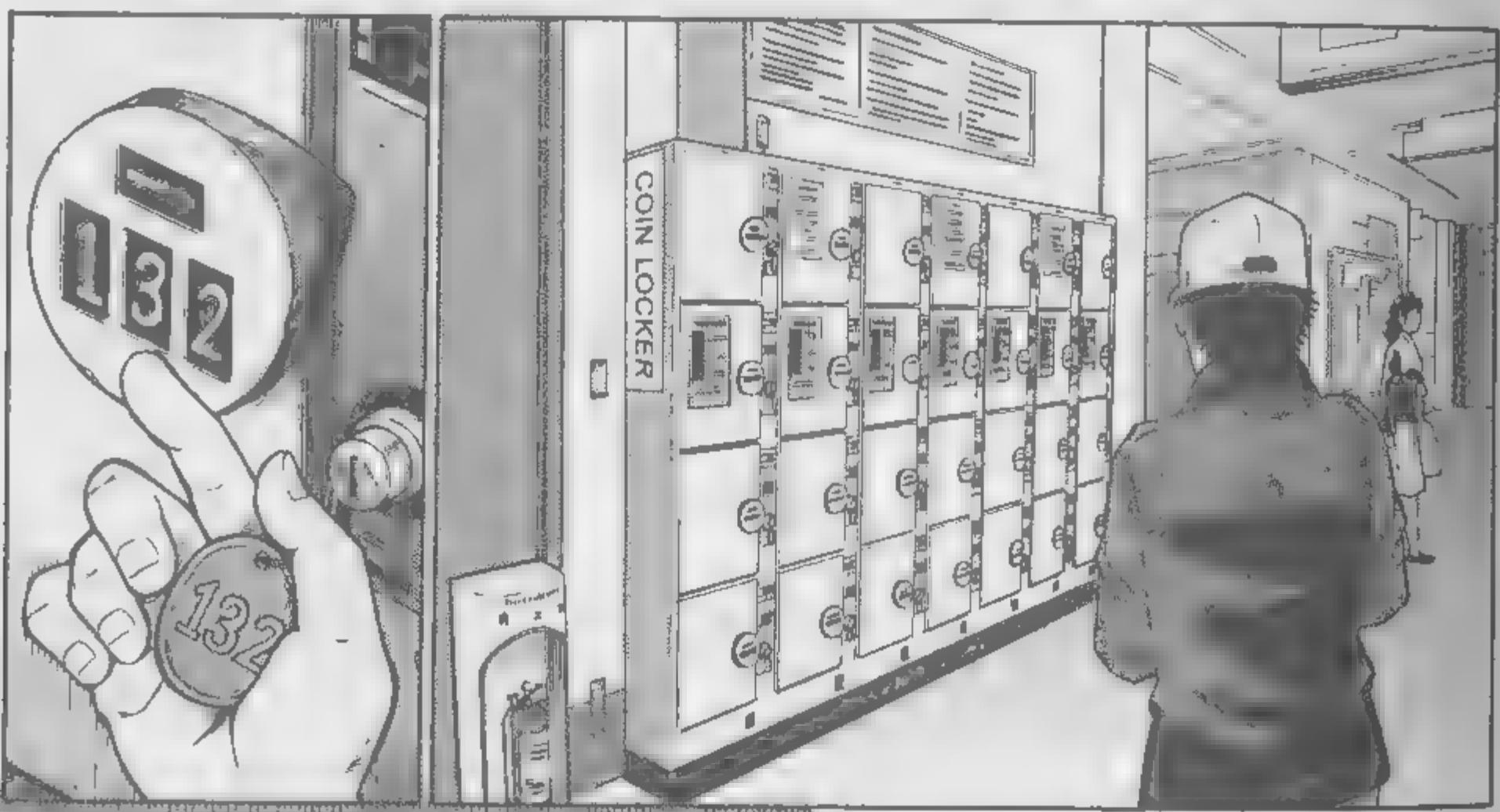


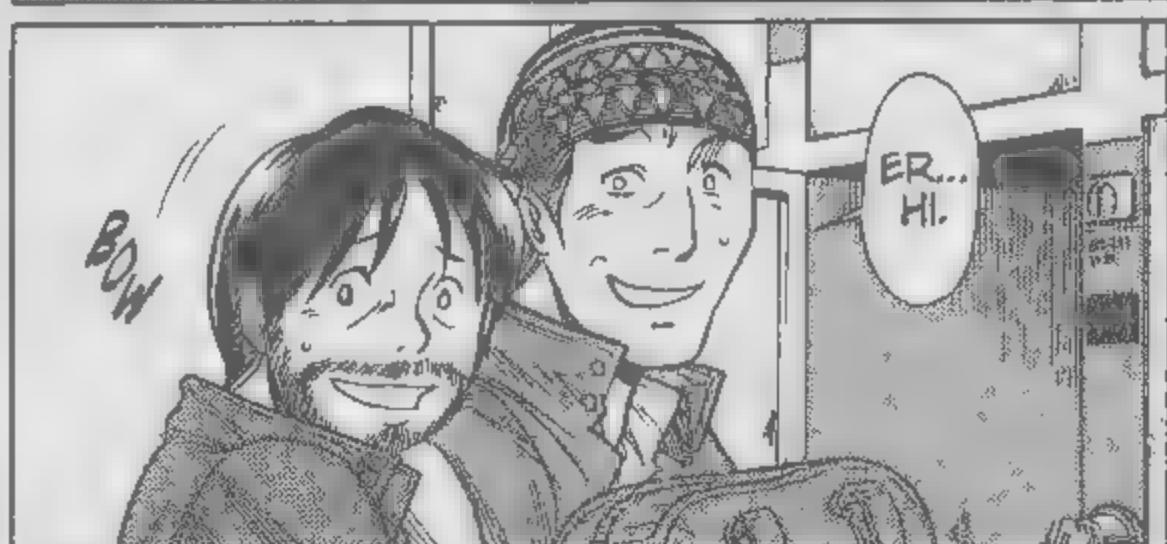


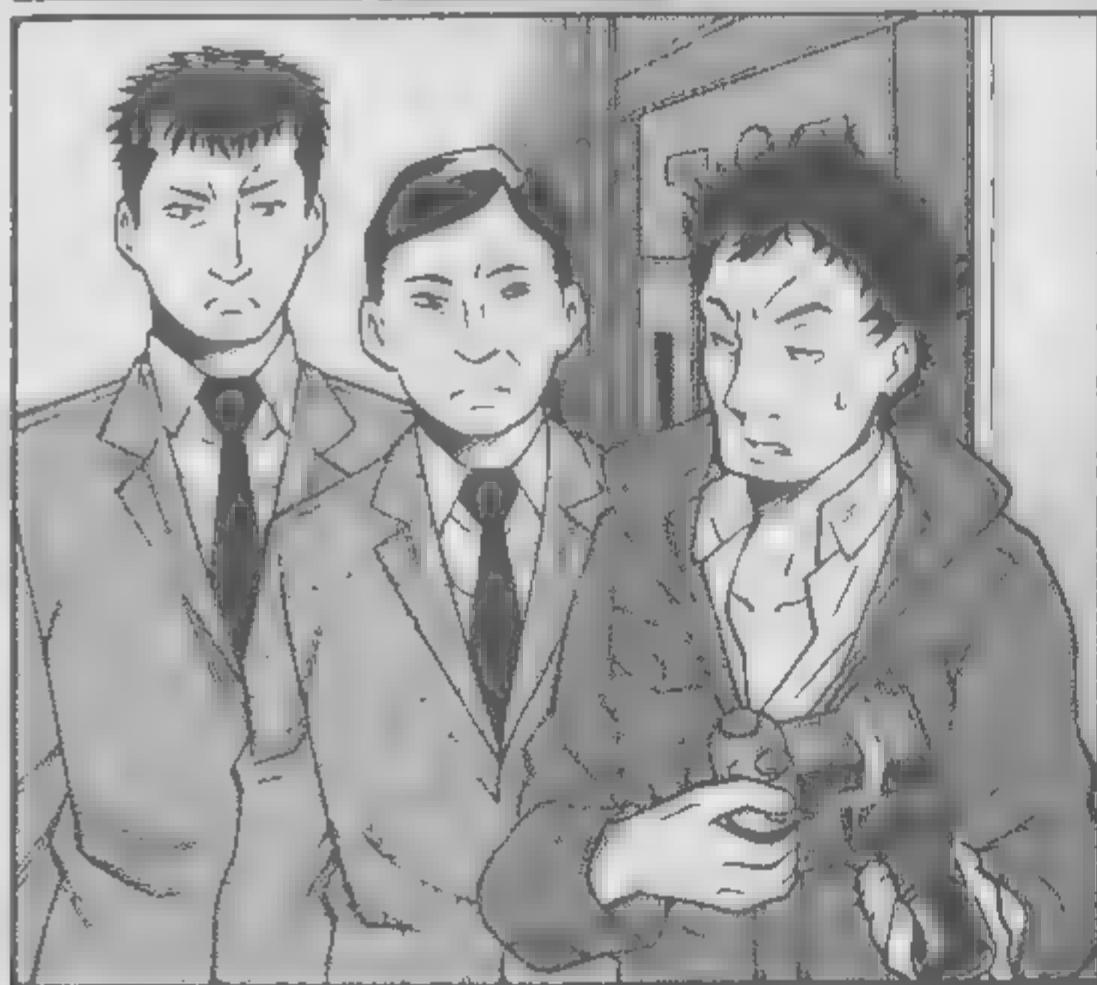




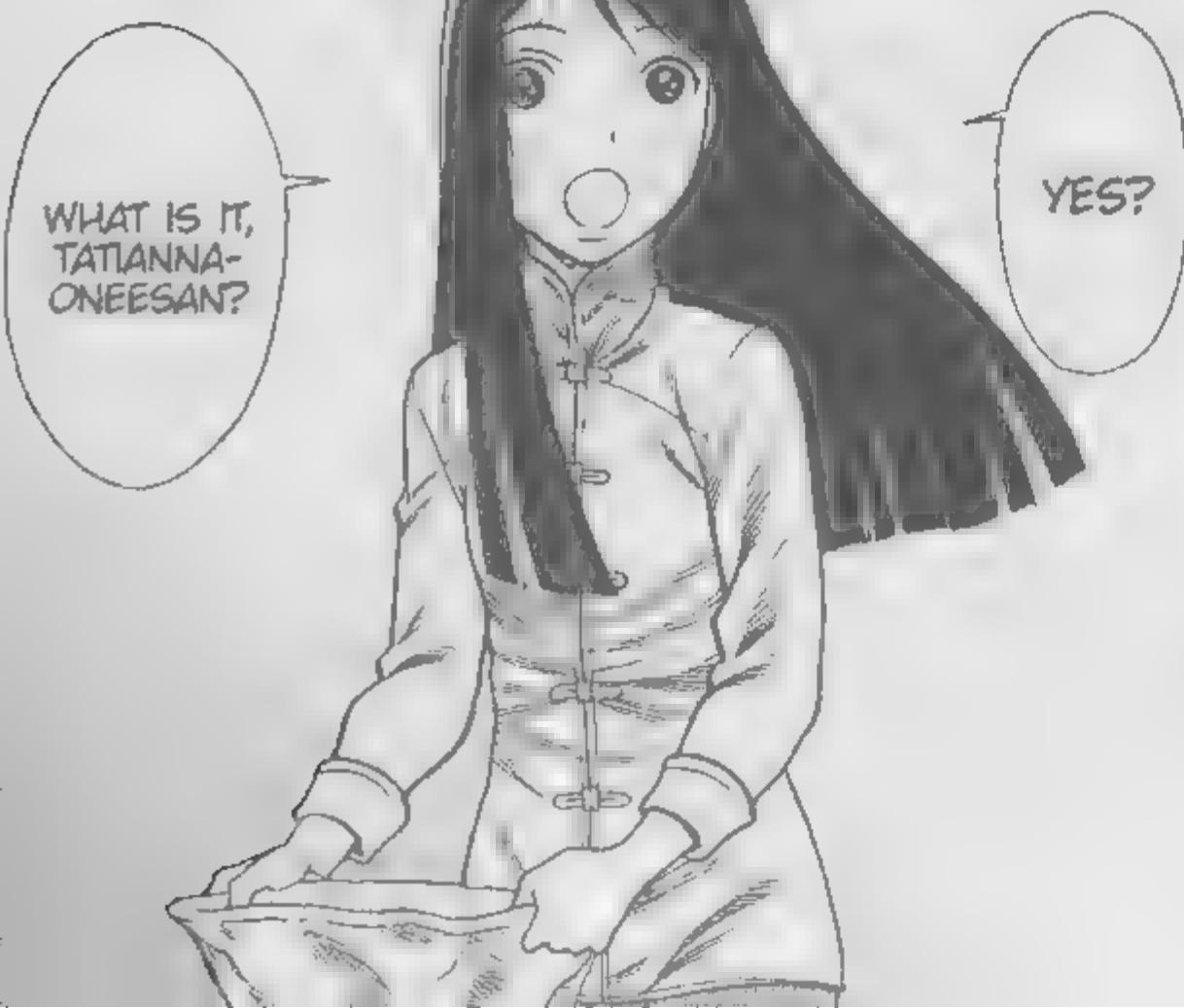
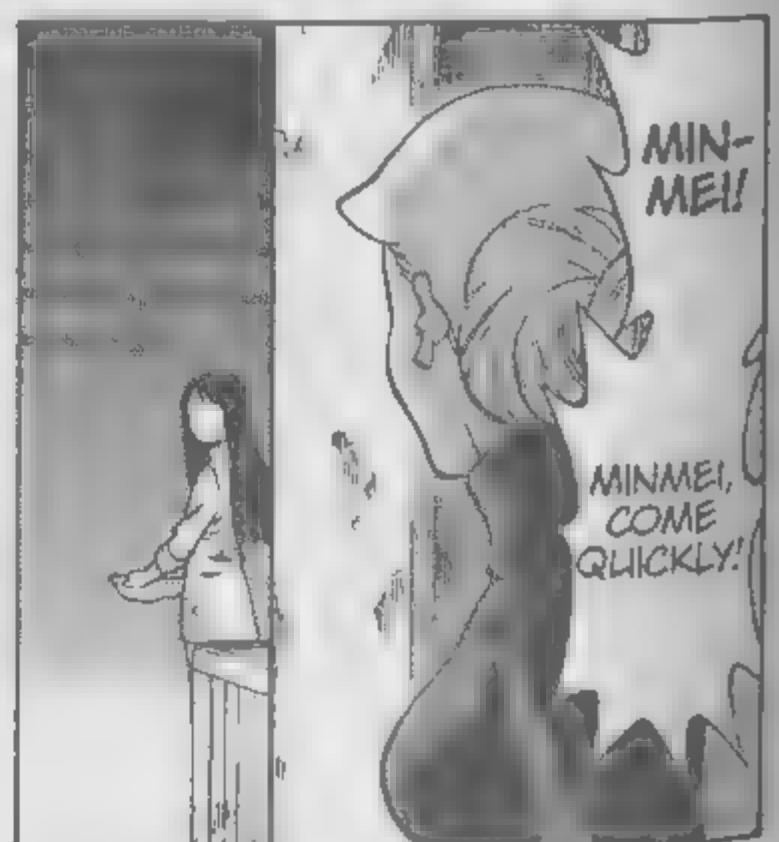








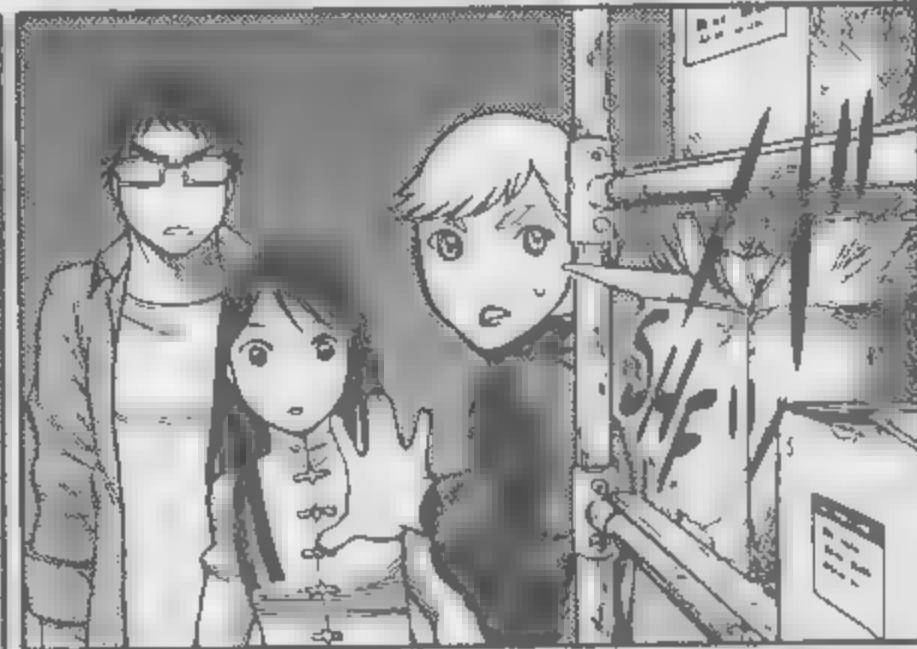






DO IT!!
OR WOULD
YOU
RATHER
GET
DUSTED
?!

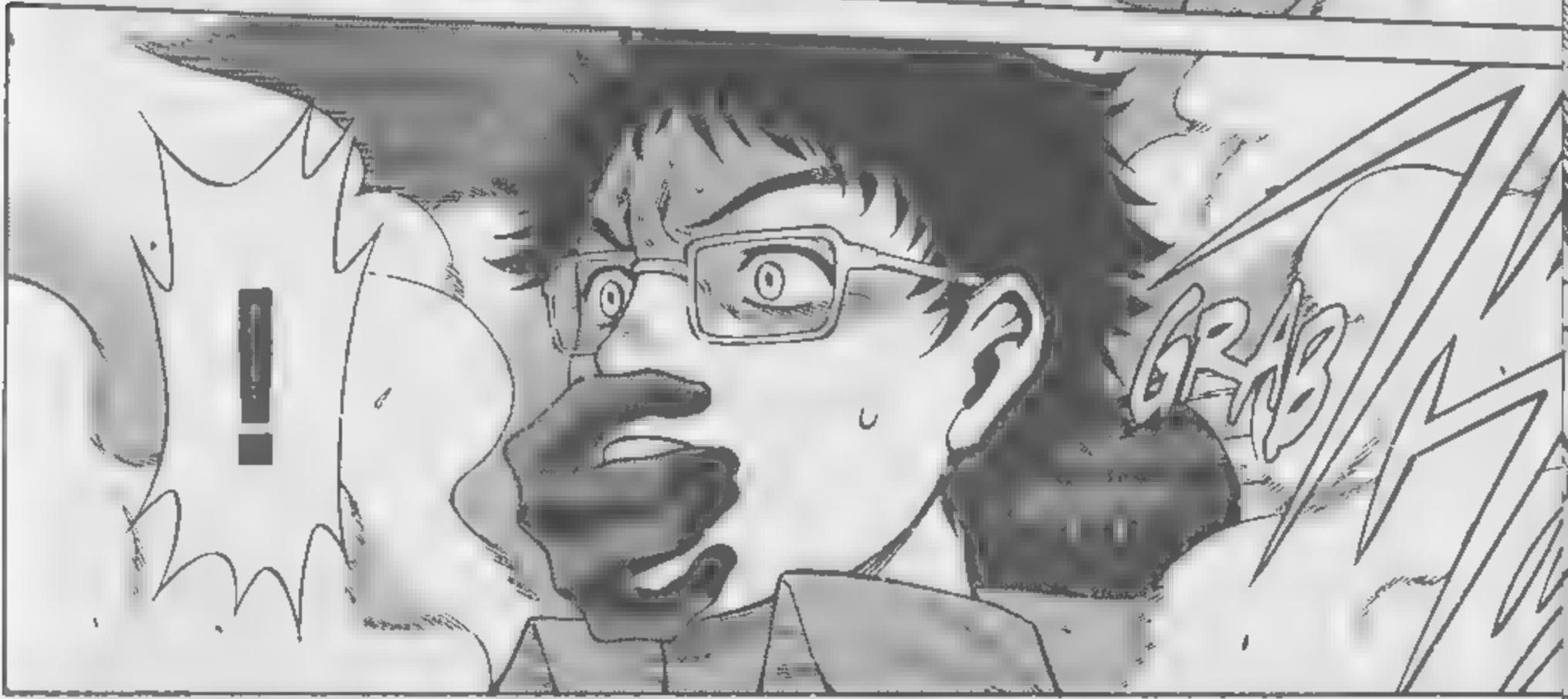
ALREADY?
BUT WE
JUST
MOVED
IN HERE,
THREE
DAYS
AGO.

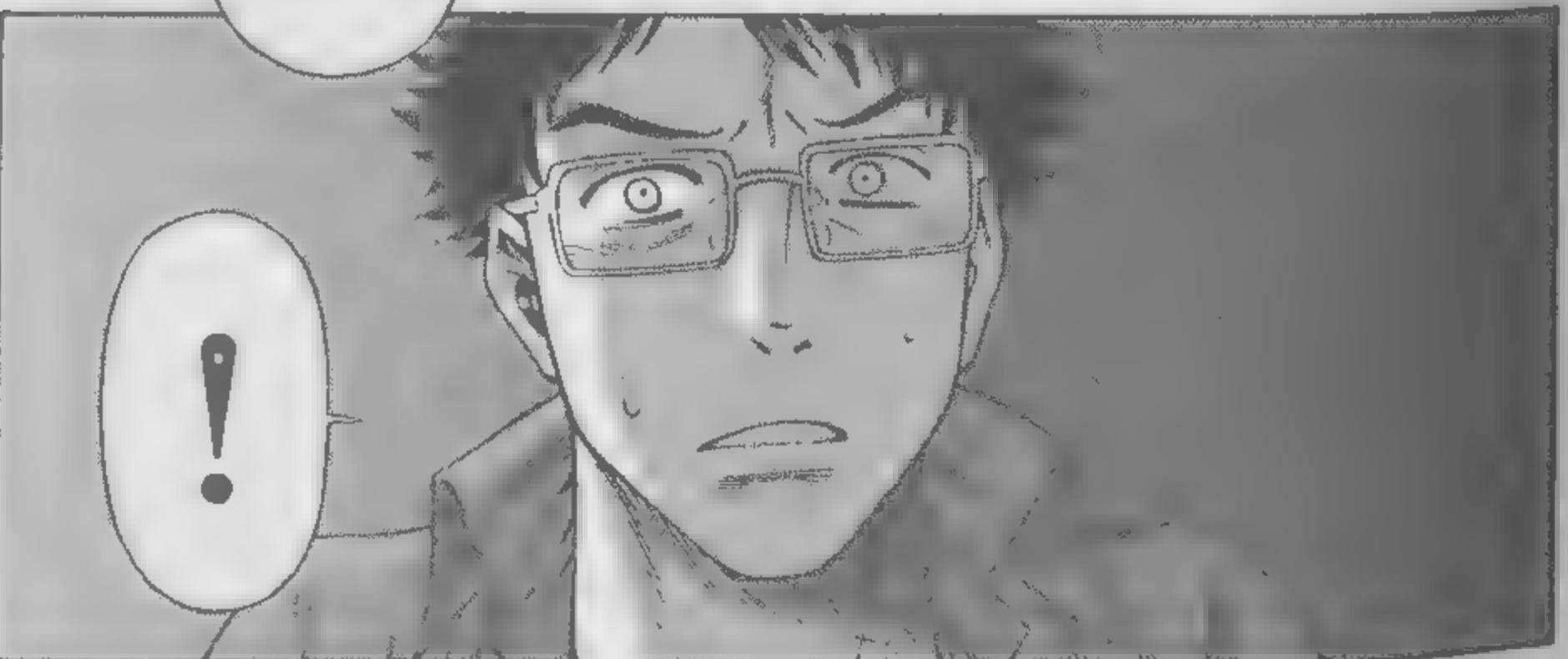
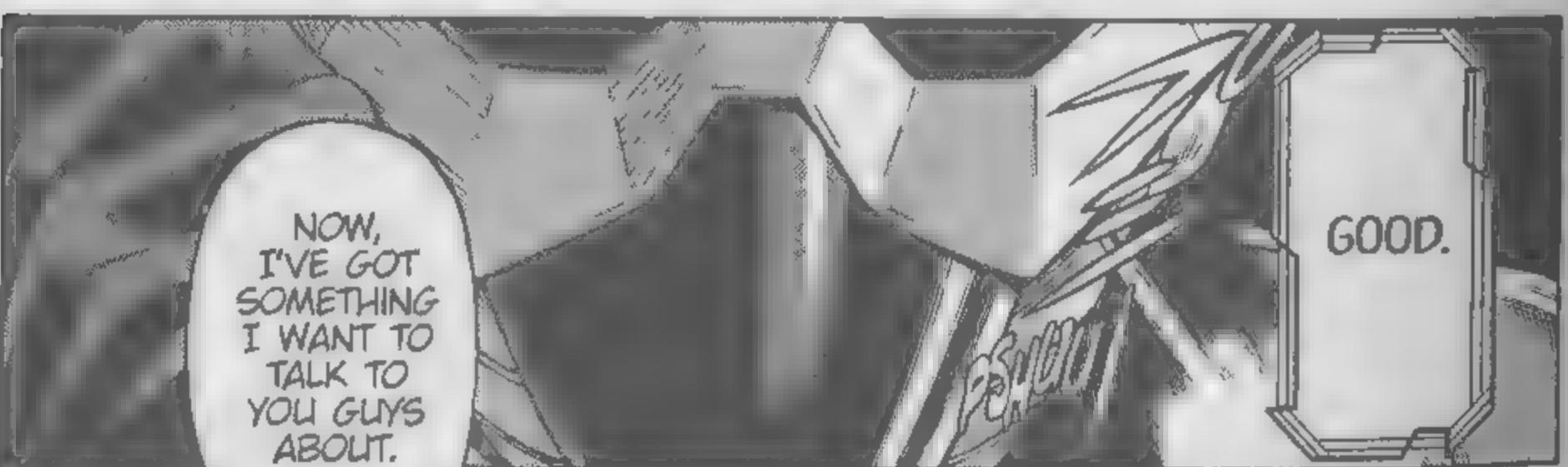
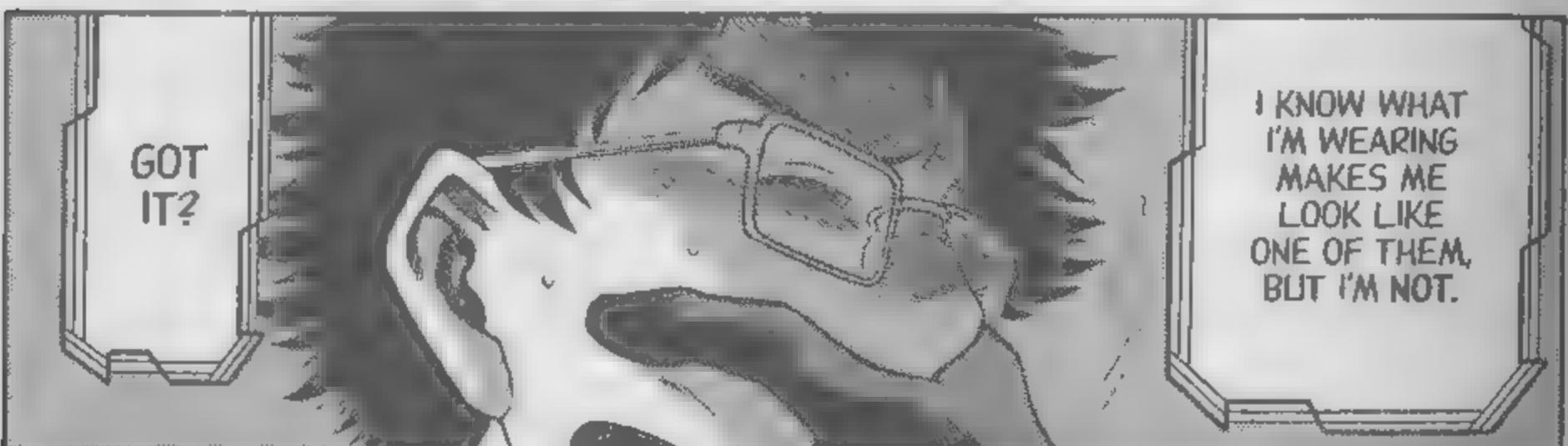


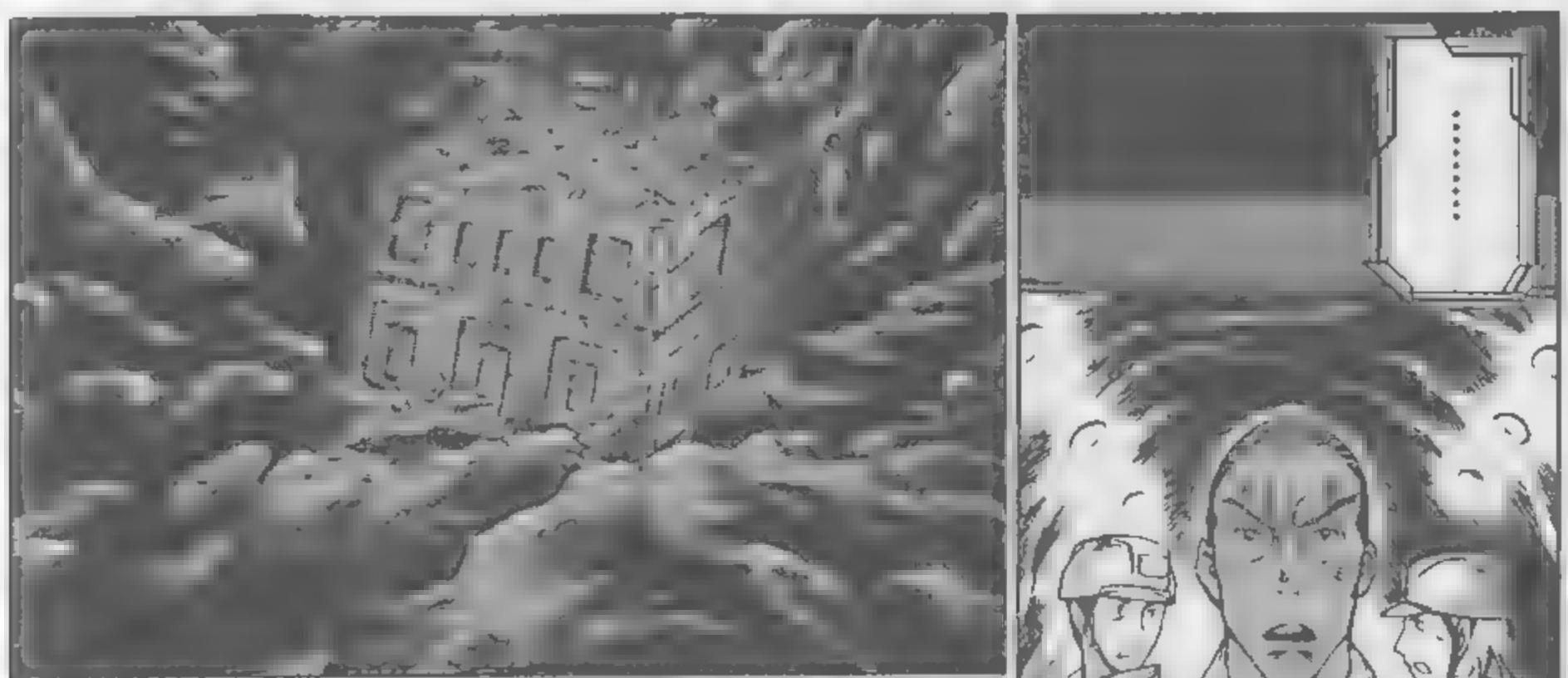










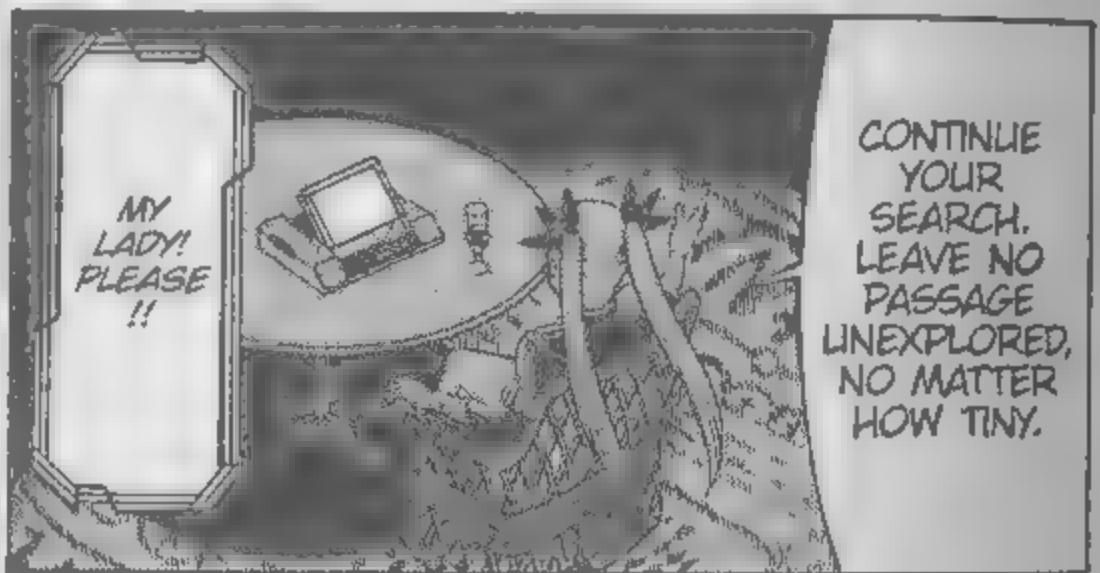




THIS IS
A VERY
TRYING,
VERY
DANGER-
OUS
SEARCH.



THAT
IS
FAIRLY
DEEP...



CONTINUE
YOUR
SEARCH.
LEAVE NO
PASSAGE
UNEXPLORED,
NO MATTER
HOW TINY.



NO.
THIS IS
THE PATH
YOU
CHOSE,
FANGLESS.

WALK
WITH ME
DOWN
THE
ROAD
OF
LIFE
WITHOUT
ME,
AGREED?

DO NOT
WANDER
OFF DOWN
THE ROAD
OF LIFE
WITHOUT
ME,
AGREED?

WELL, THEN,
WE SHALL
MAKE IT A
PROMISE.



Chapter 77
AS A Human

町内パトロール

Neighborhood Watch

OPEN UP!

Home-Made

CHIKA CHIREE

FUKURAIKEN-SAN!
FUKURAIKEN-SAN,
WE KNOW
YOU'RE IN
THERE!

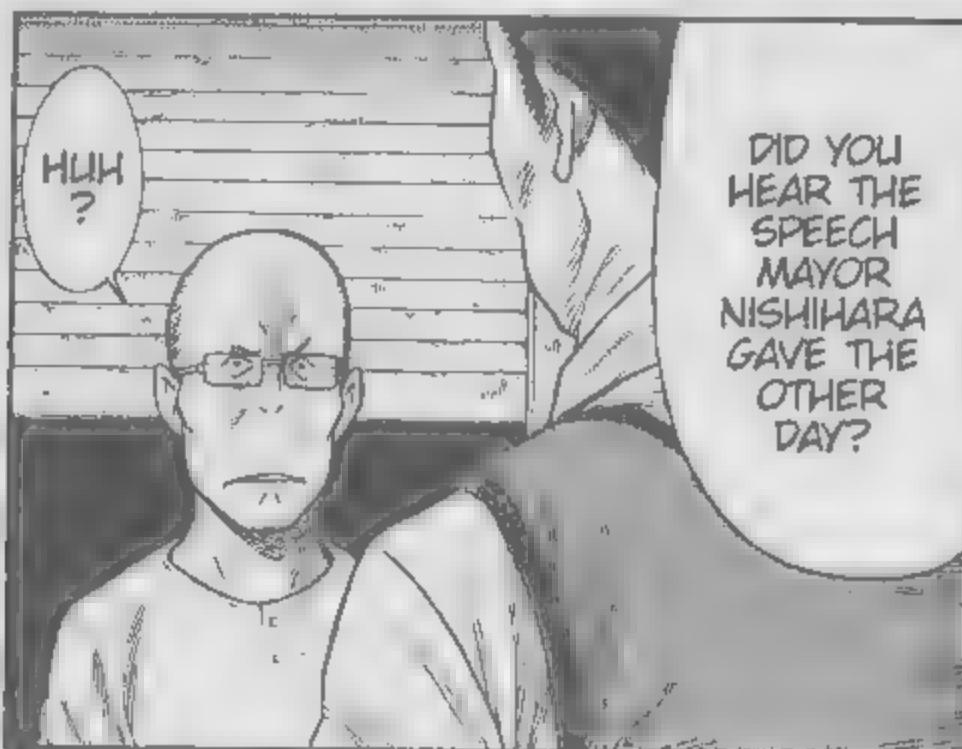
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IT'S
ONLY
POLITE.

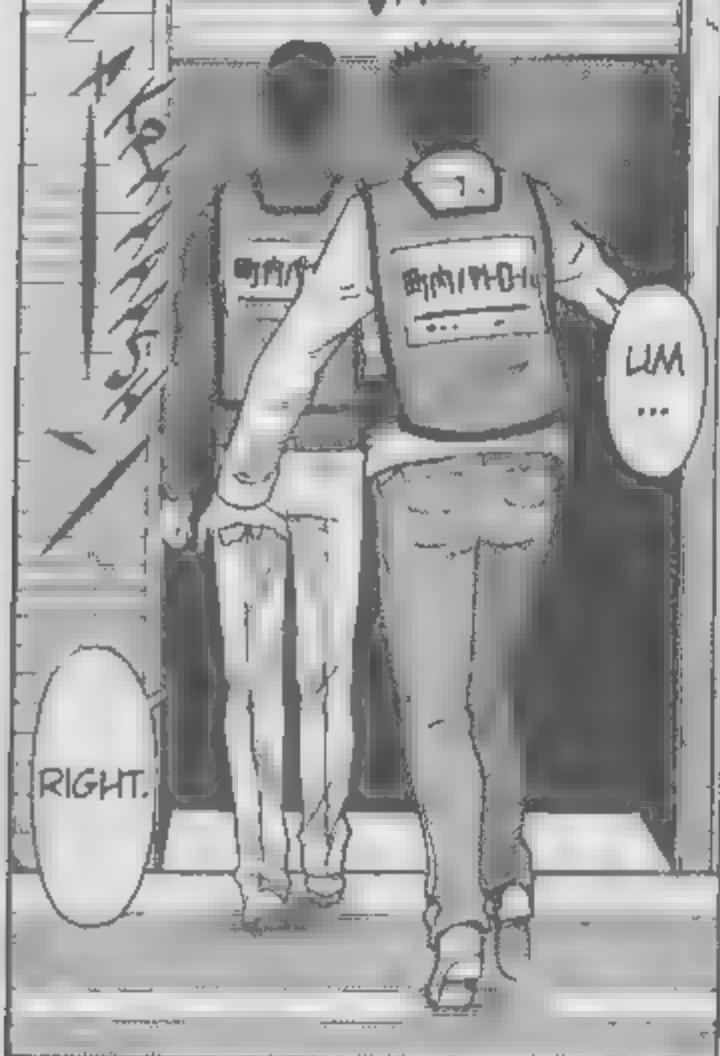
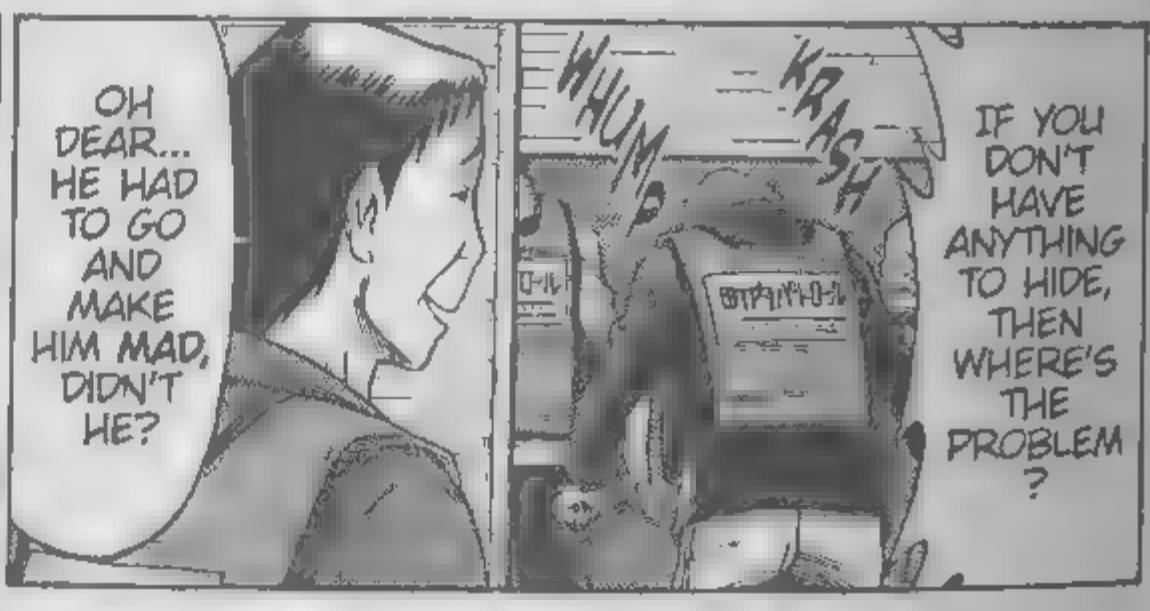
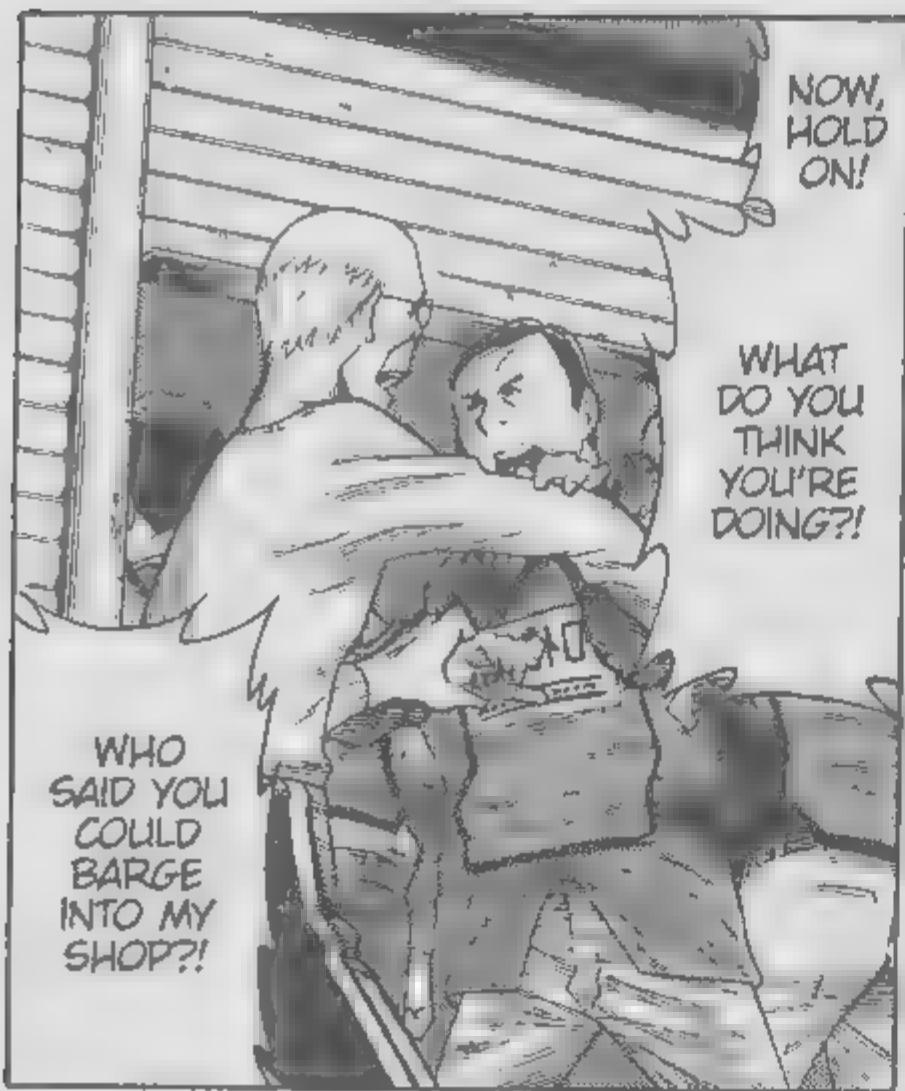
COME
ON OUT
HERE
INTO THE
SUNLIGHT
TO TALK.

WHAT?
WHAT?!
QUIT
BANGING.
I HEAR
YOU
ALREADY.

RATTLE
RATTLE

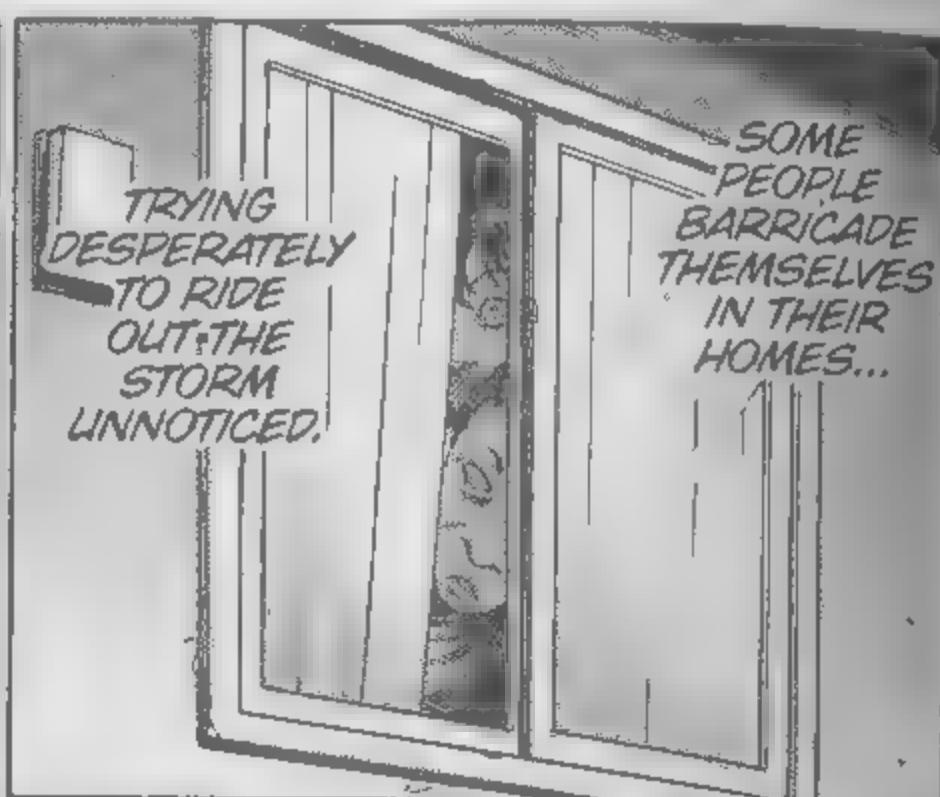








VAMPIRISM



#vampire Search Results
Tweets / Top

kezuhiro (Yamada Kezuhiro)
PUBLIC Lorenzo Pharmaceuticals is owned by the Tepes family! They make the artificial blood called "Stigma." Hospital patients who received a transfusion of this artificial blood became vampires! Ask your hospital to stop using Lorenzo Pharmaceuticals products today!
#vampire 1 sec ago

boom boom
THE INTERNET WAS HIT EVEN HARDER THAN THE REAL WORLD.

bitin (TamiTami)
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#vampire 20 sec ago

Bonbon (Young Master)
1st hand source RT @Rumpelstilzchen -A hospital patient who received a Stigma blood transfer turned into a vampire!
#vampire 1 min ago

CHIKUTAKU (Watchmaker)
P! B! Be careful vampires have a got that will protect them from sunlight! Just because you see someone outside in the sun doesn't mean they aren't a vampire!
#vampire 2 min ago

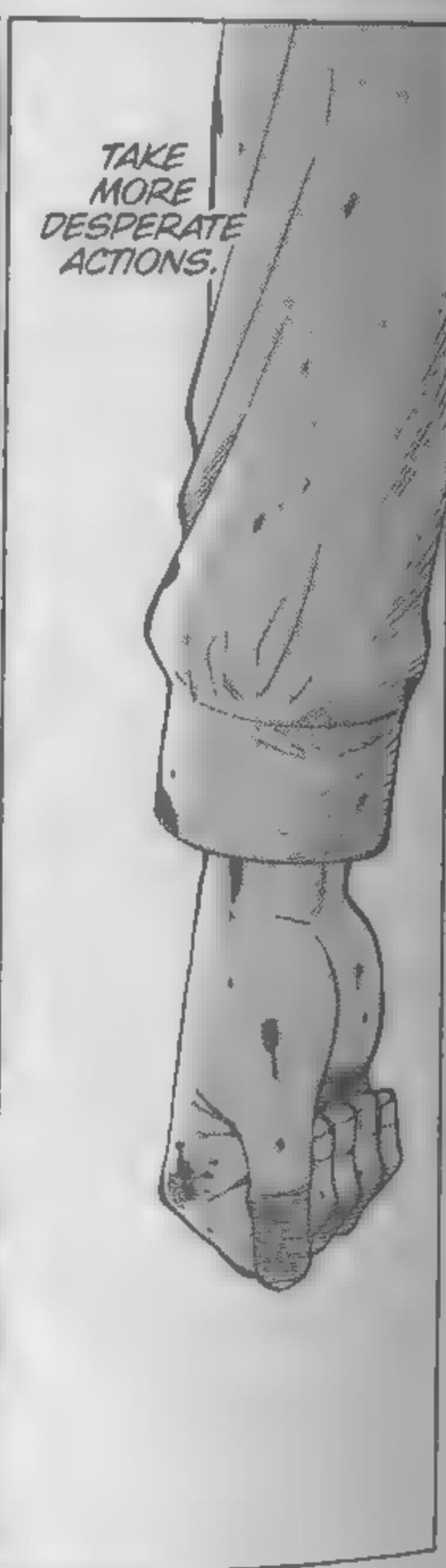
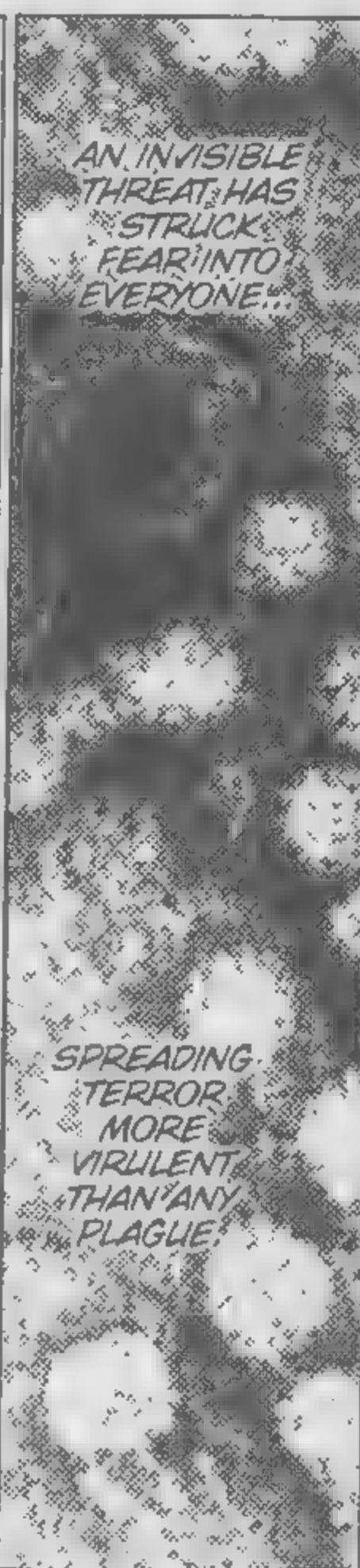
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Rumpelstilzchen (Little Dwarf)
RUMOR, HEARSAY, AND STRAIGHT-UP FALSE INFORMATION ARE SPREADING EVERYWHERE, PUSHED ON BY PEOPLE'S DISTRUST OF THE GOVERNMENT.

Neutered Alie
P! B! RT
prevented

Bonbon (Young Master)
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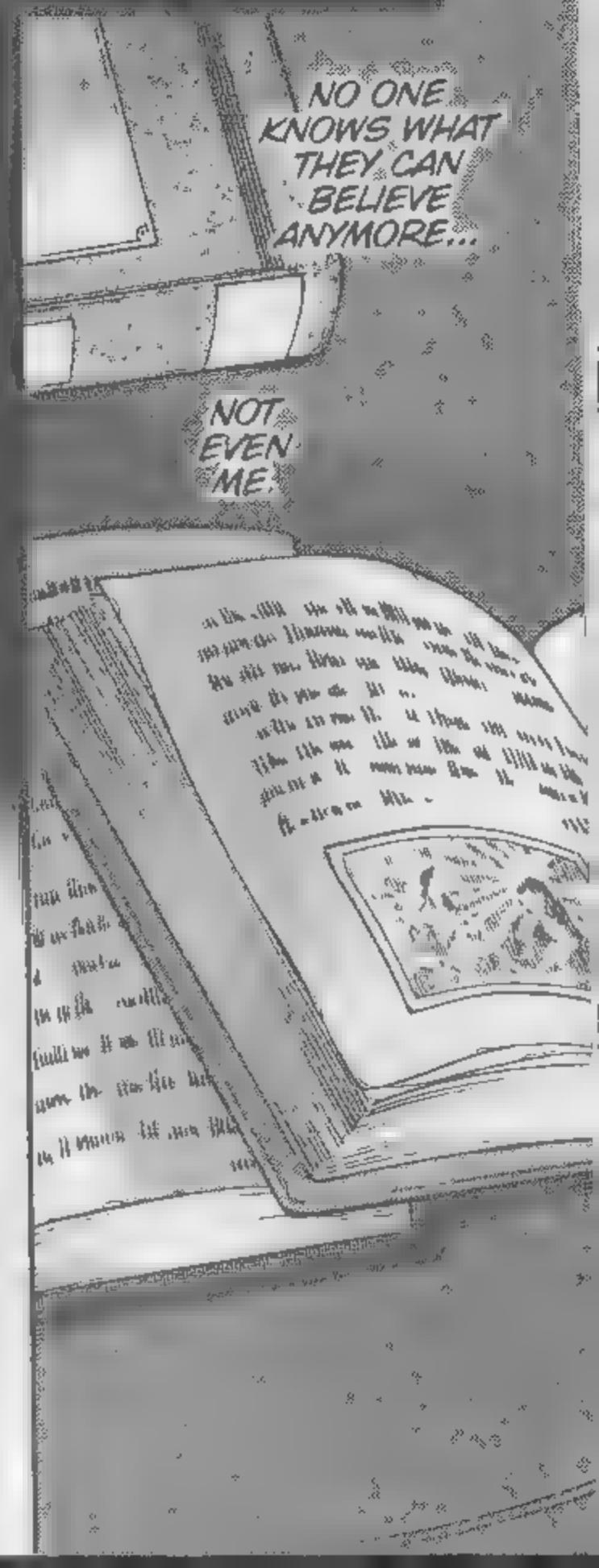
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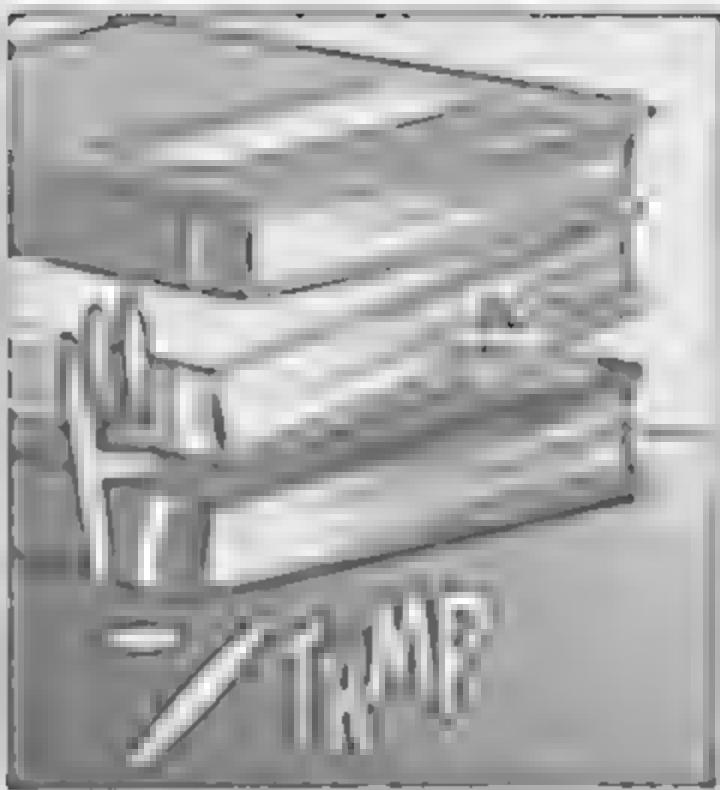


THE PEOPLE
ARE LEFT
LIKE LEAVES
IN THE WIND,
FLUTTERING
BACK AND
FORTH, TRYING
TO FIND
SOMETHING,
ANYTHING, THEY
CAN TRUST IN.

FACTS AND
COMMON SENSE
ARE PASSED
OVER FOR
GROUNDLESS,
UNPROVEN
FABRICATIONS.

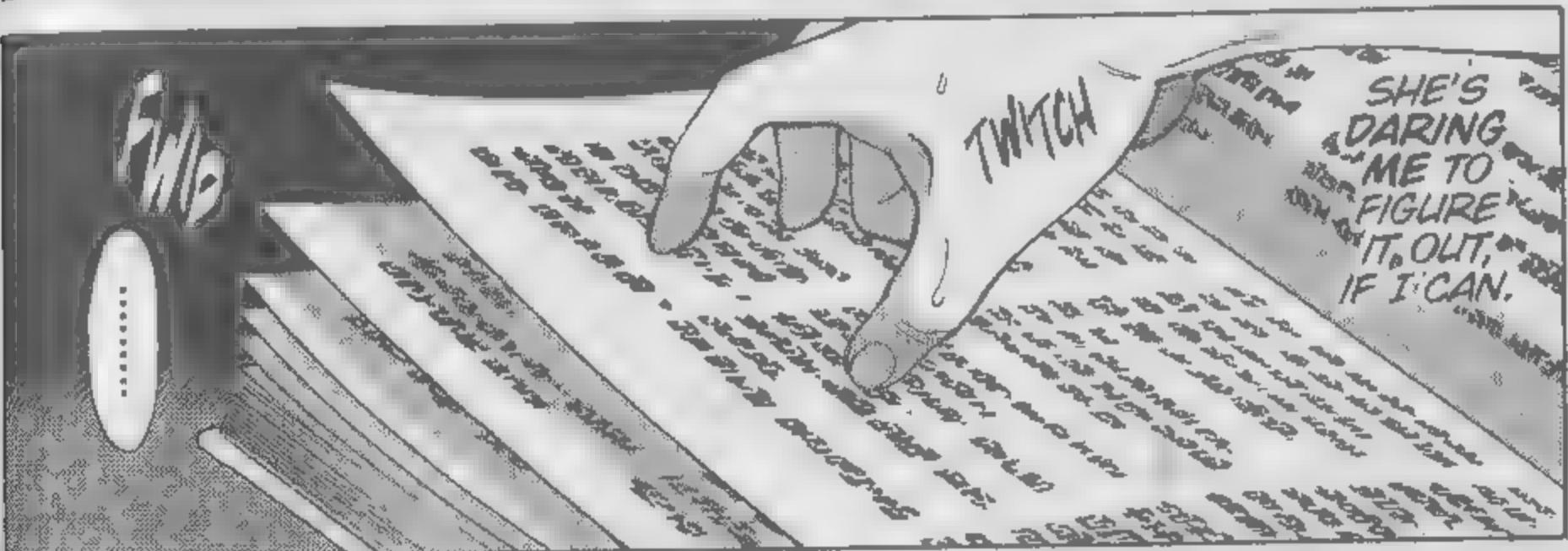
This is all true! I saw it with my own eyes!





THEY ARE A HINT ABOUT WHY SHE CAME HERE, AND SHE WAS TAUNTING ME WITH THEM.

THOSE WORDS HAVE BEEN SEARED INTO MY MIND.



YES,
HE WAS
ALWAYS A
SHARP
PERSON



IN-
DEED
THAT'S
IMPO-
SIBLE.

HER
HIGHNESS
MERELY
DID WHAT
SHE
MUST AS
RULER.

AND, HE
NEVER
SPARED
AKIRA-KUN
OR EVEN
HIME-SAMA
THE ACERBIC
SIDE OF HIS
TONGUE!

SHOULD
I BE
HAPPY?
OR
SHALL
I BE
SAD?

I THOUGHT
HIS DEVOTION
TO HER,
THOUGH HE
HID IT WELL,
WAS ROCK-
SOLID.

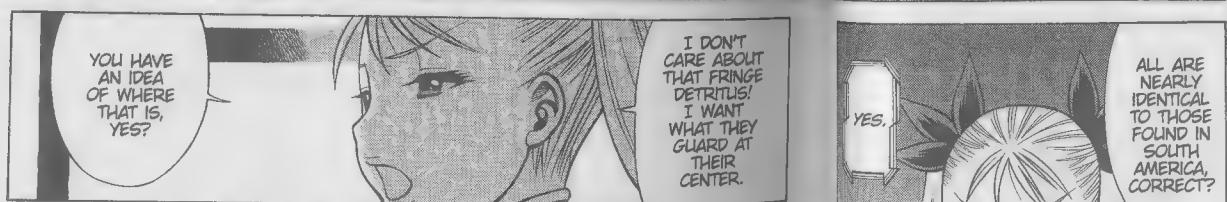
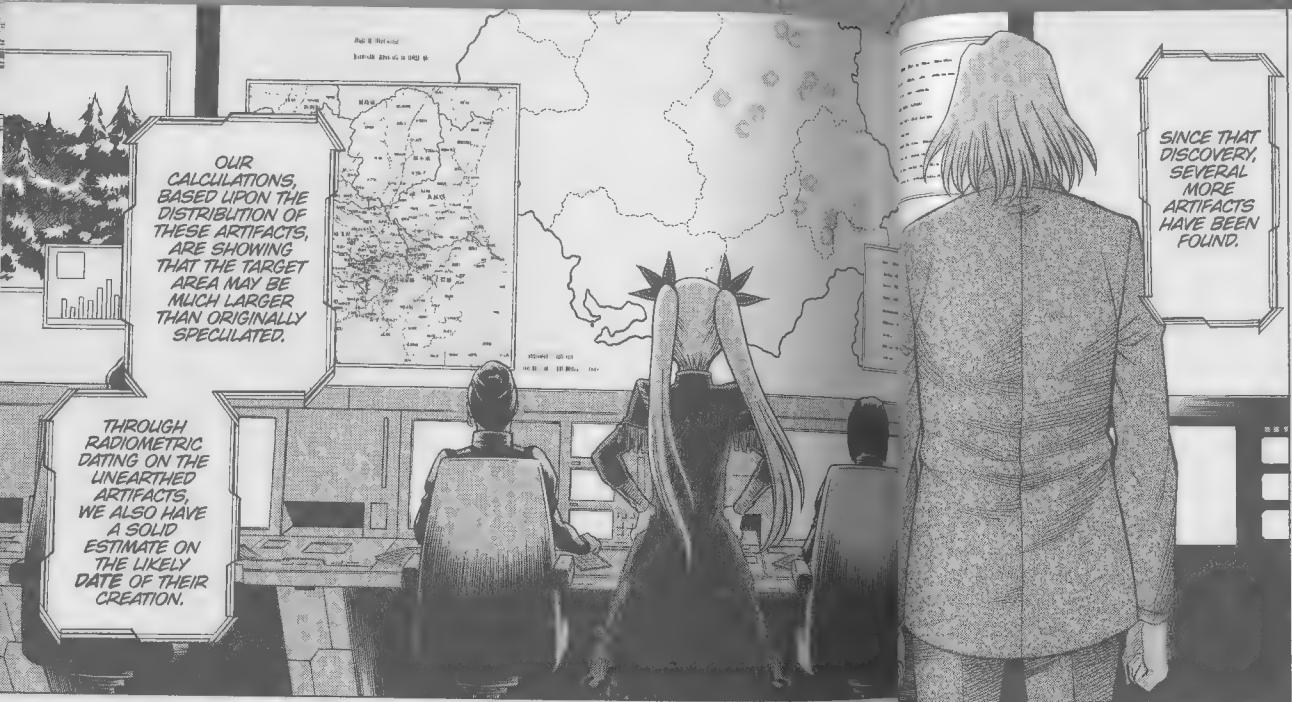
IN THE END,
EVERYTHING
HE DID WAS
ALWAYS
FOR HIME-
SAMA'S
SAKE.



HOW
COULD HE
BETRAY
HIME-SAMA?

I HAVE TO
FIGURE THAT
NOT JUST THE
INTERNET,
BUT ALL
INFORMATION
GOING INTO
AND OUT OF
THE BUND
IS BEING
MONITORED.

OVERSEEN
BY THE
BUND'S OWN
INTELLIGENCE
DIVISION AND
ITS LEADER,
DUKE
BORGAN.



"LOST
HISTORY,"
EH?

A LOST
PAST...

AND THEY
LOST IT
TO THE
MISTS OF
TIME.

THEIR
OWN
HISTORY
...

THEY HAVE
NO IDEA WHAT
LIES SLEEPING
BENEATH
THEM, HIDDEN
THERE SINCE
ANTIQUITY.

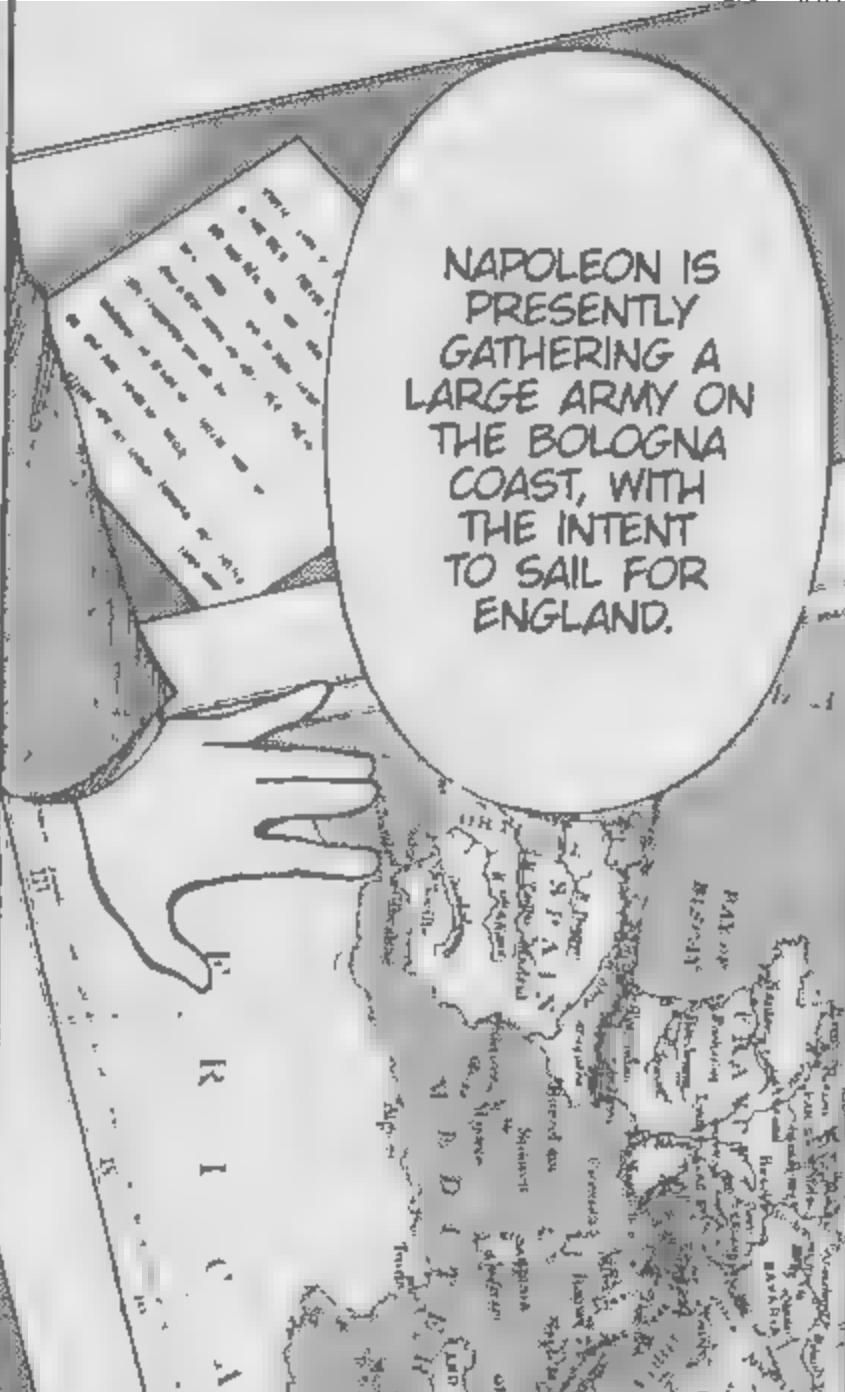
AND ALL
THEY DO
IS HOP
ABOUT IN
FEAR, LIKE
SCARED
LITTLE
RABBITS.

POISON
SPREADS
AT THEIR
FEET...



OUR PROBLEM IS THIS.

HOW WILL THE THREE GREAT CLANS VIEW THIS WAR, AND WHAT WILL THEY DO?



NAPOLEON IS PRESENTLY GATHERING A LARGE ARMY ON THE BOLOGNA COAST, WITH THE INTENT TO SAIL FOR ENGLAND.



THOUGH WE CANNOT SAY HE WON'T DO SO, EVENTUALLY.

I EXPECT IVANOVIC WILL ALSO CONTENT ITSELF WITH WATCHING FOR NOW. NAPOLEON HAS YET TO MAKE ANY MOVES TOWARDS RUSSIA, AFTER ALL.



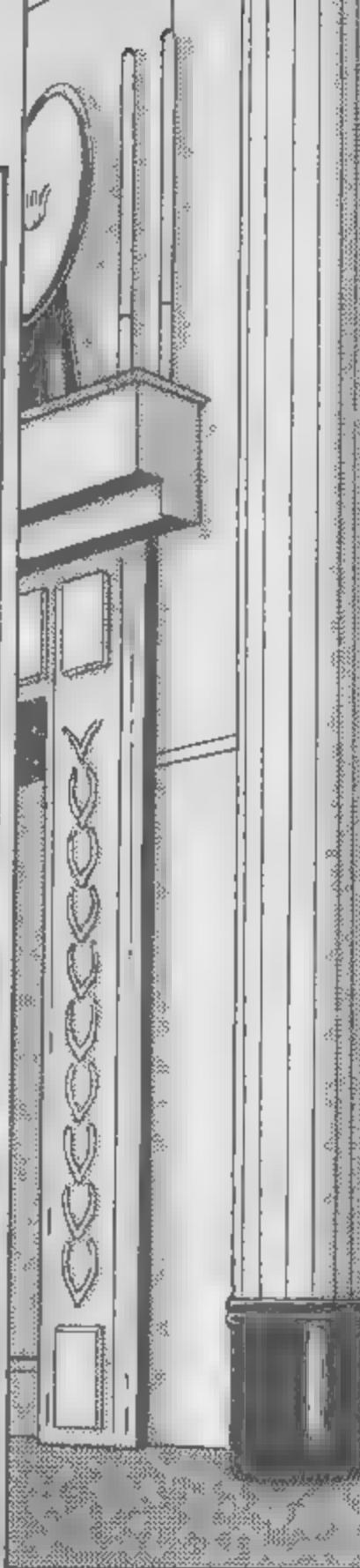
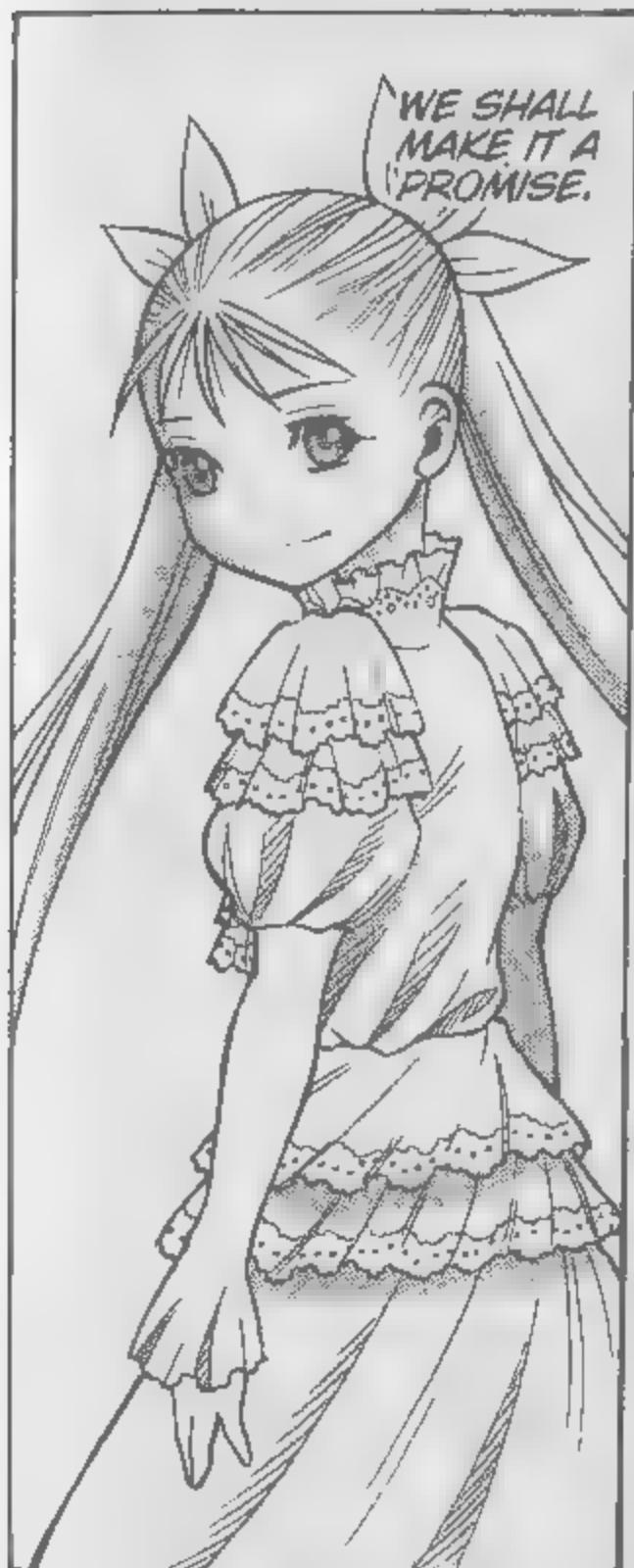
HOWEVER, THERE IS NO TELLING HOW LONG THAT WILL LAST. NAPOLEON HAS SUCCESSFULLY SPLIT EUROPE RIGHT DOWN THE CENTER, AFTER ALL.

IN RESPONSE, ENGLAND HAS JUST SEALED A TREATY OF MUTUAL PROTECTION WITH AUSTRIA AND RUSSIA. PRUSSIA CURRENTLY STANDS NEUTRAL.





YES. I HAVE ESTABLISHED A RESIDENCE FOR HER MAJESTY NEAR THE RHONE.

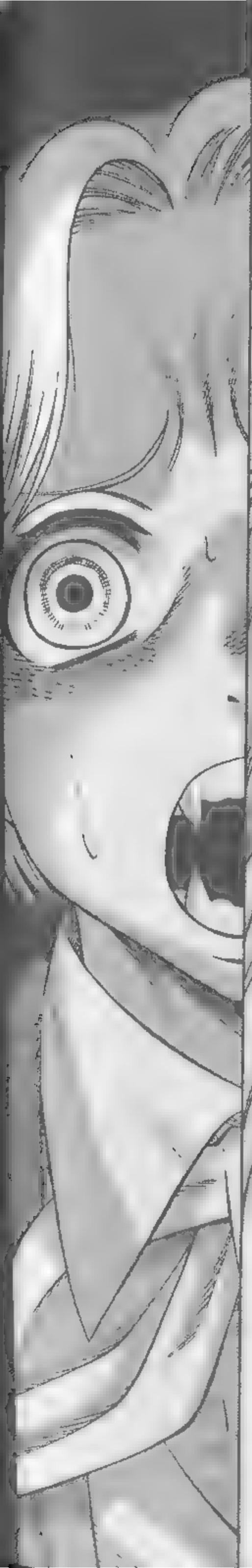


WHAT?!

MY LORD,
THE RHONE
RESIDENCE
WAS
ATTACKED BY
ROZENMANN'S
FORCES!
IT HAS
BEEN RAZED
TO THE
GROUND!!

WHAT OF
HER
MAJESTY?!

IS SHE
UNHARMED
??



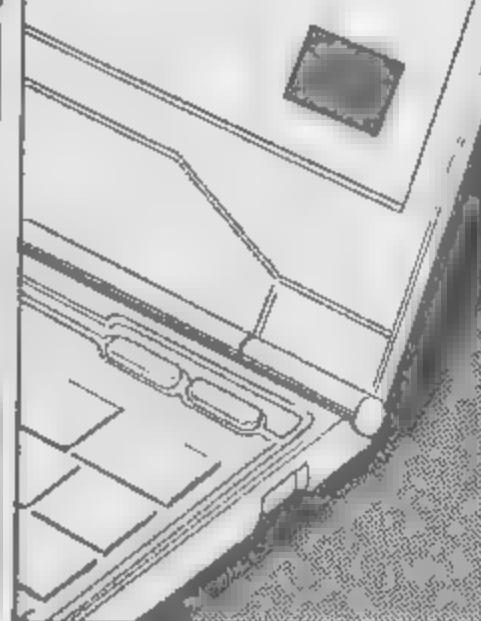
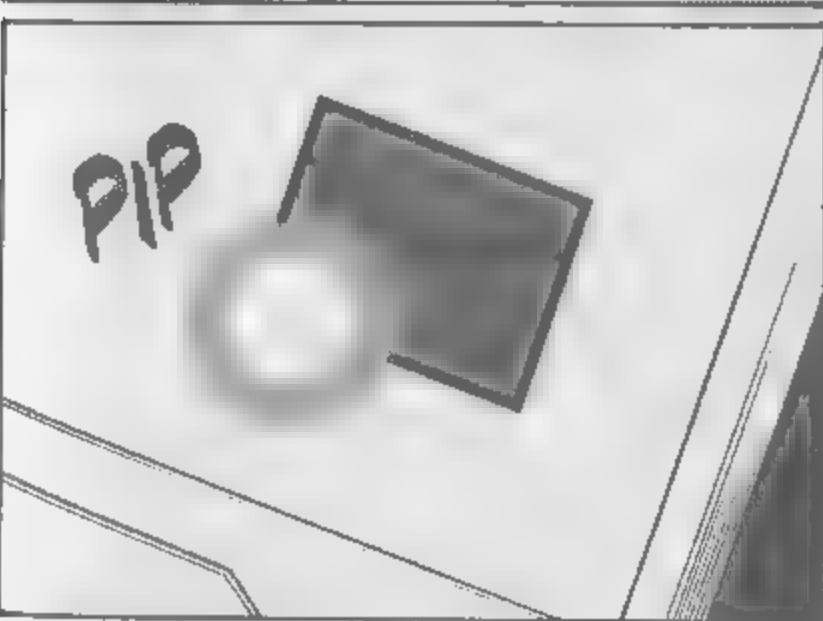
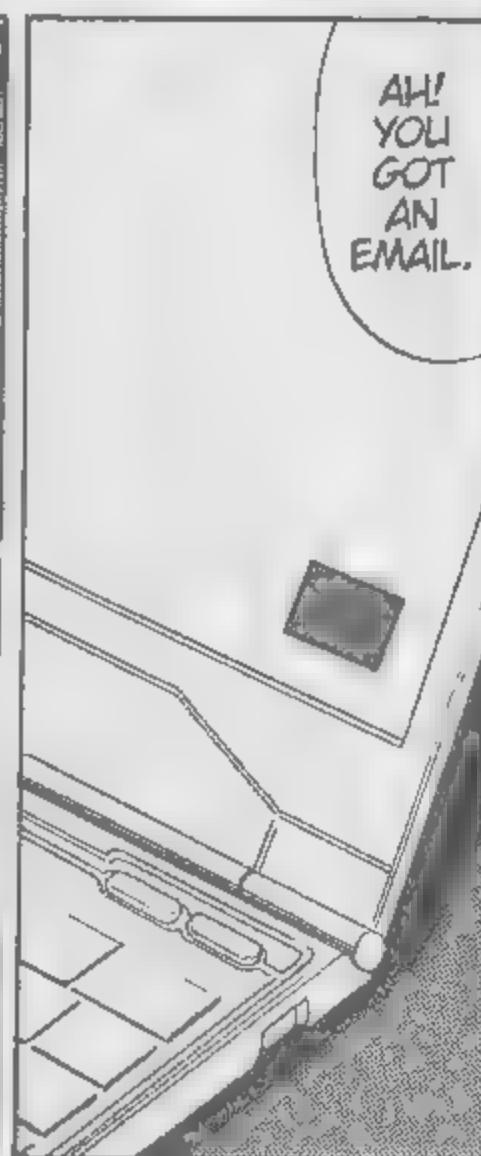
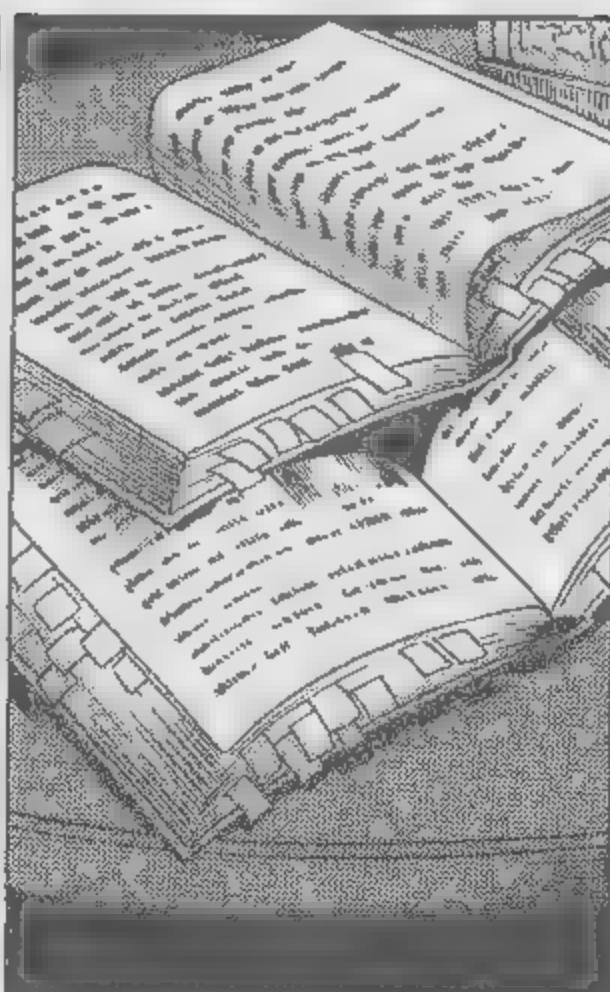
DO NOT
WANDER
OFF DOWN
THE ROAD
OF LIFE
WITHOUT
'ME...'

HER
MAJESTY
IS
MISSING,
MY
LORDS!

AGREED?

MISSING!!





A REPLY IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THIS MAIL.

XK4591ihT98hg046

IS IT A
PASSWORD
OF SOME
KIND?

AN ALPH-
NUMERIC
STRING?
WHAT'S
THIS FOR?

A REPLY IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THIS MAIL

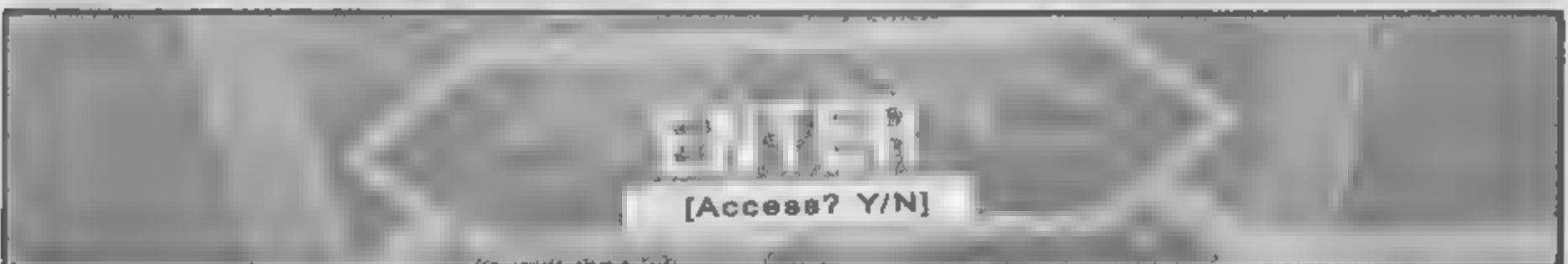
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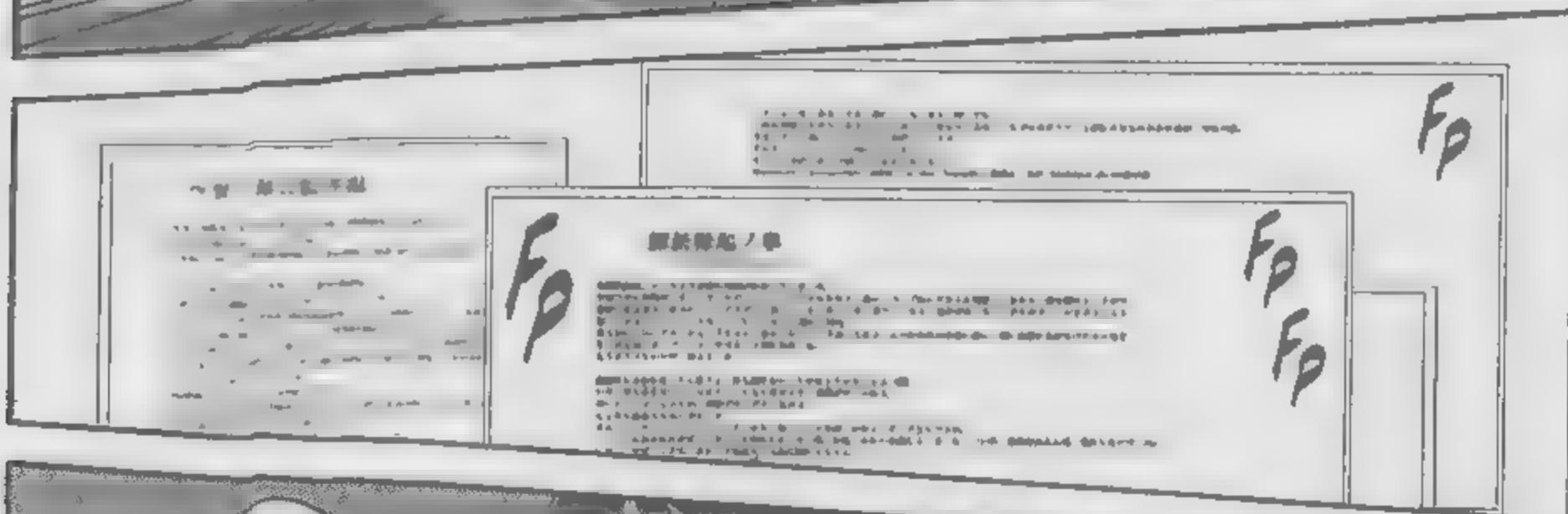


TEPES ROYAL FAMILY

TOP SECRET FILE

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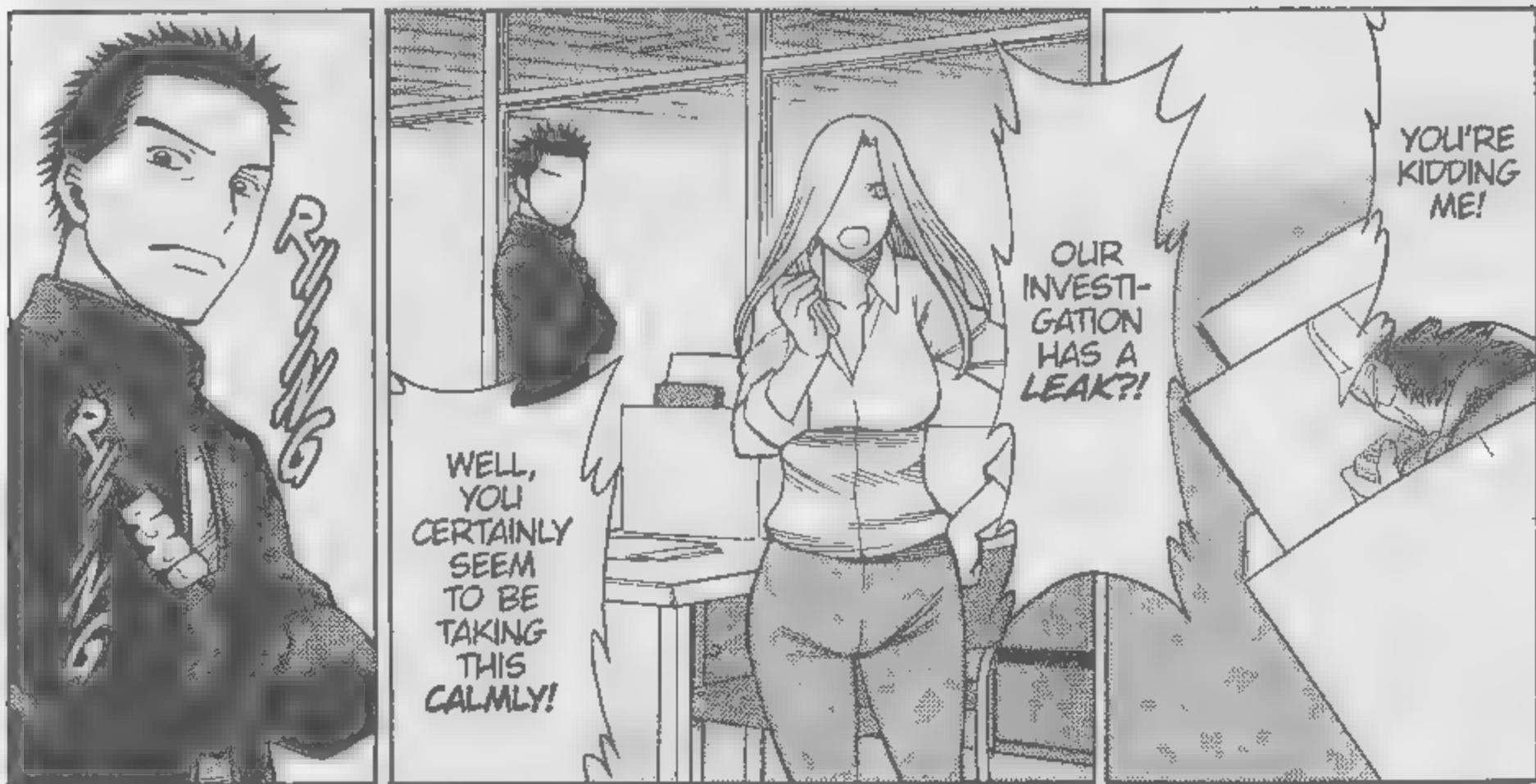


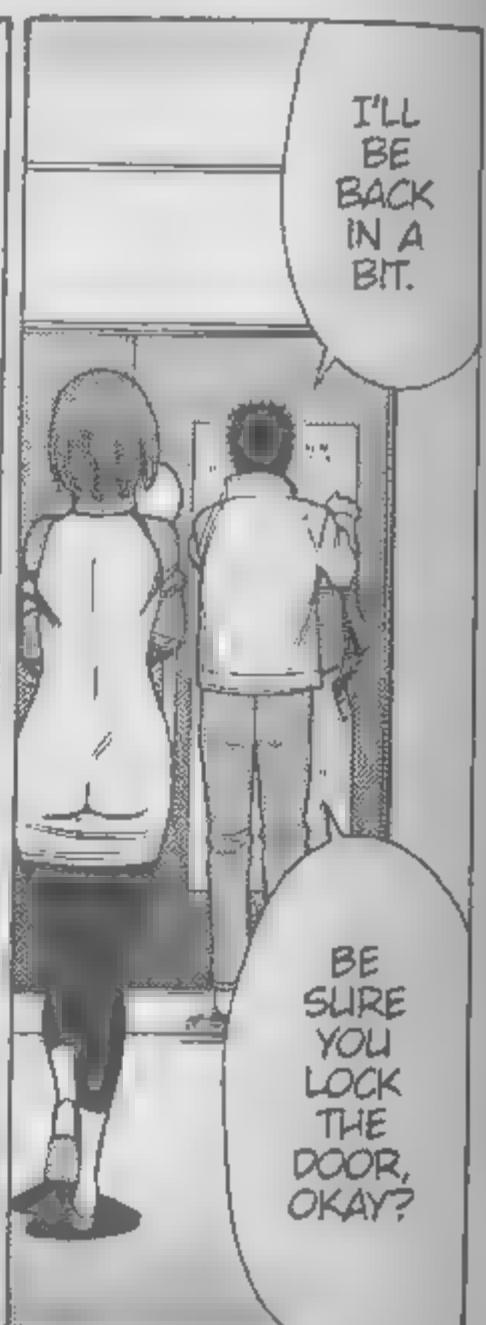


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SUWA ENGI LEGEND

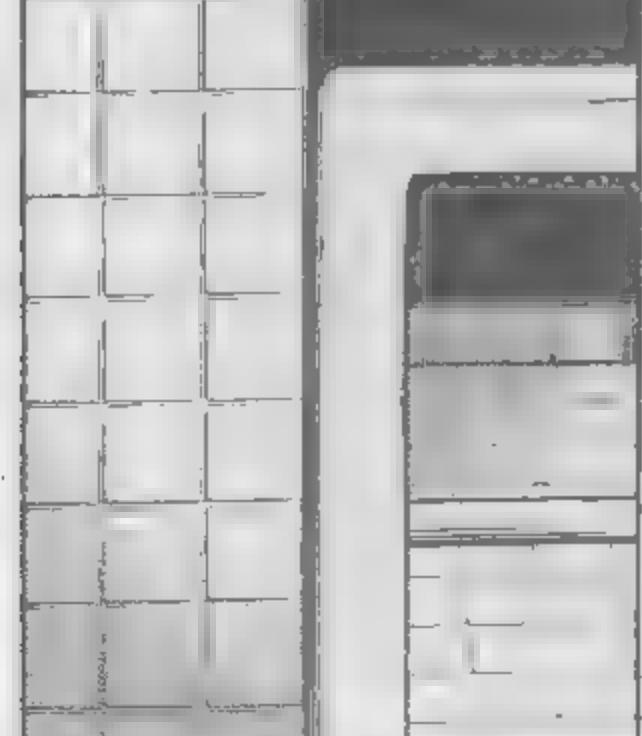
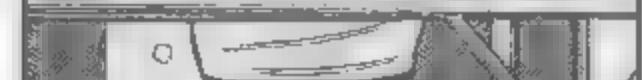
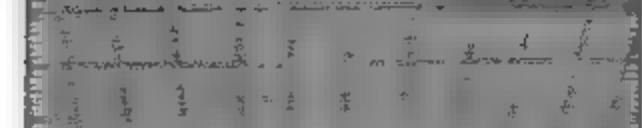












YES,
I KNOW
EXACTLY
WHAT
I'M
DOING.



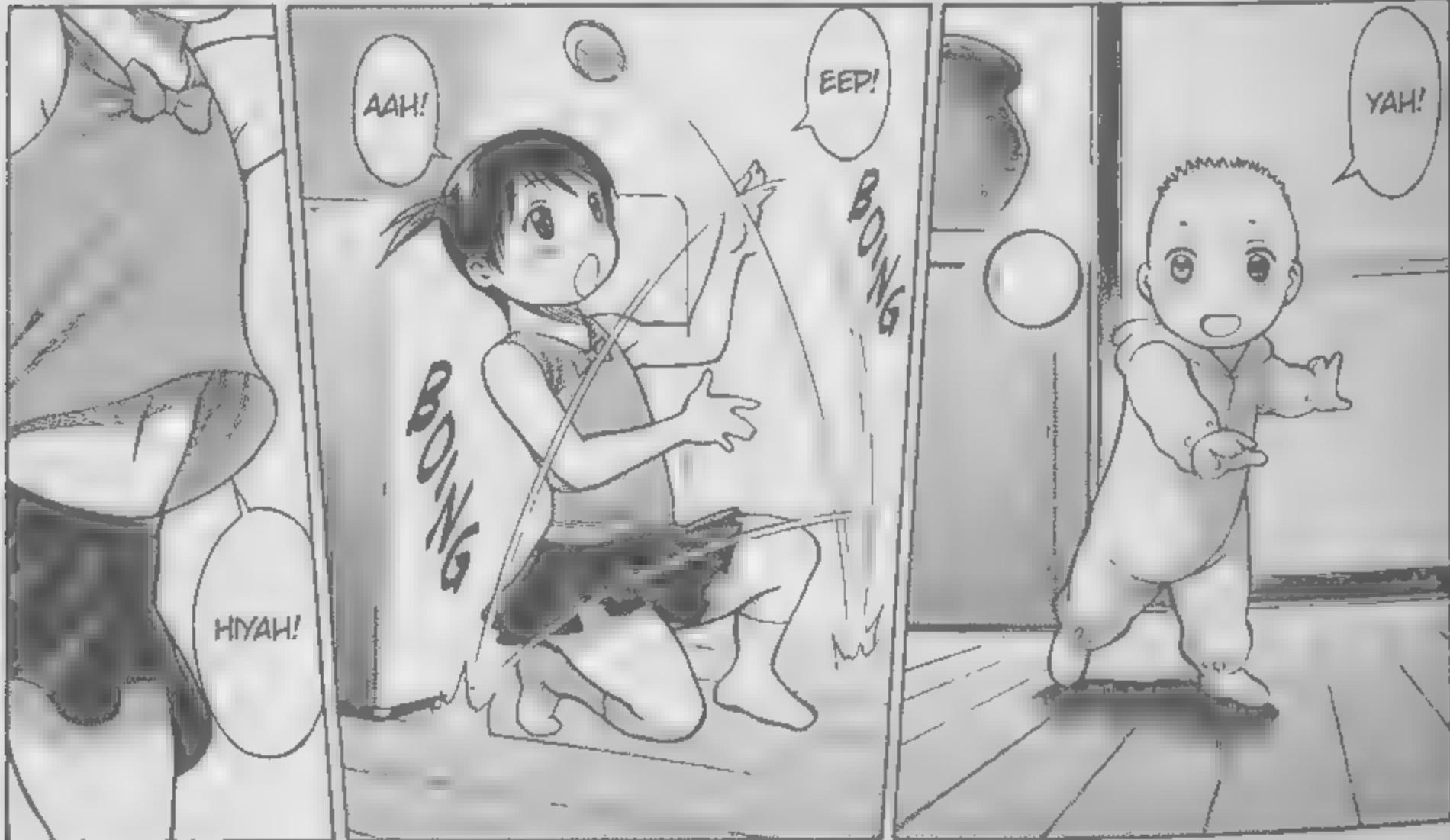
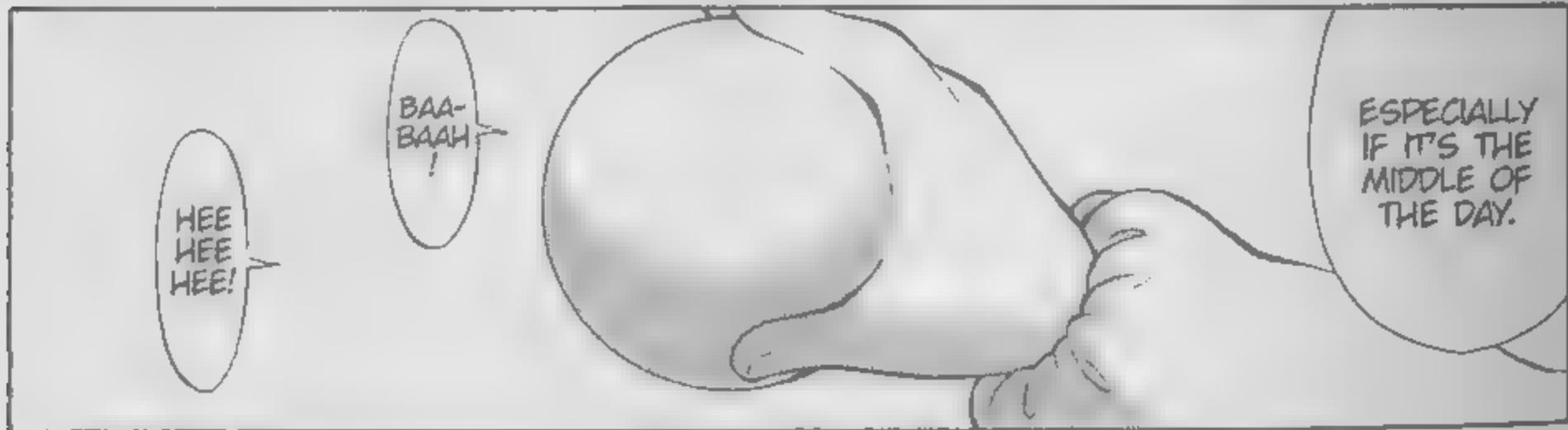


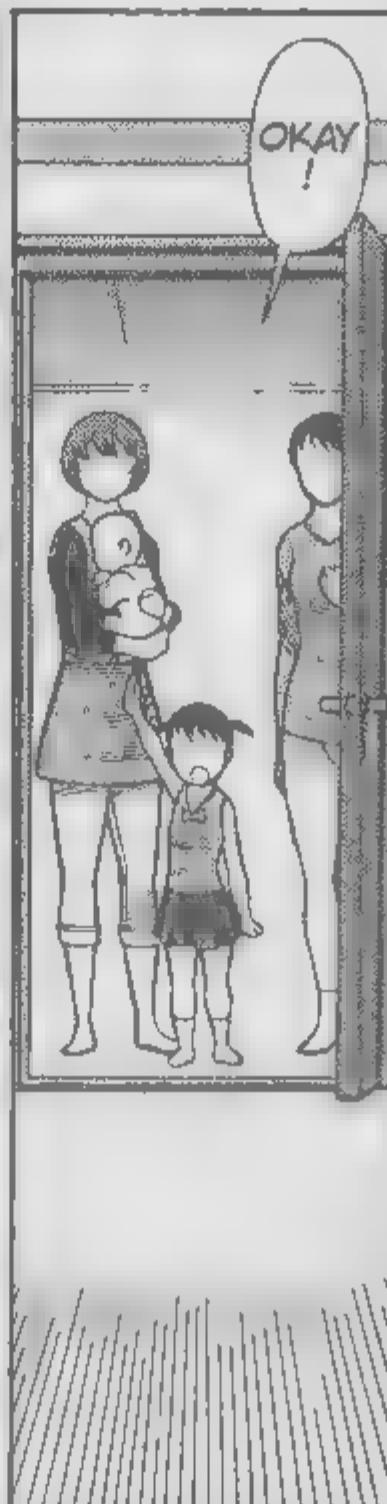


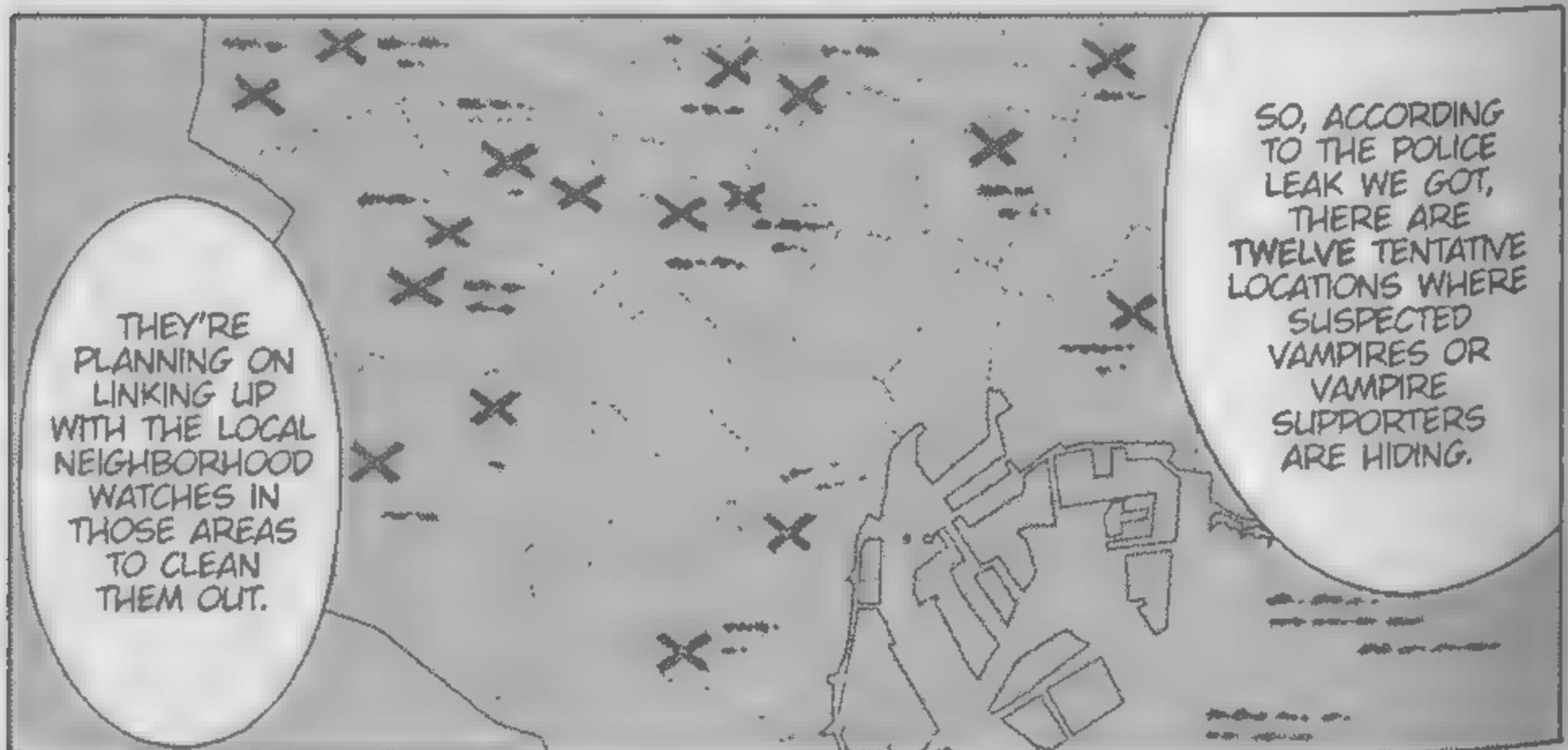
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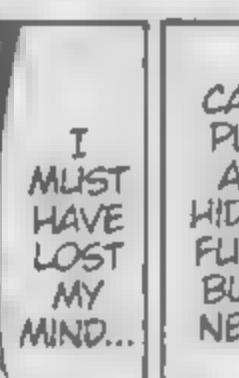


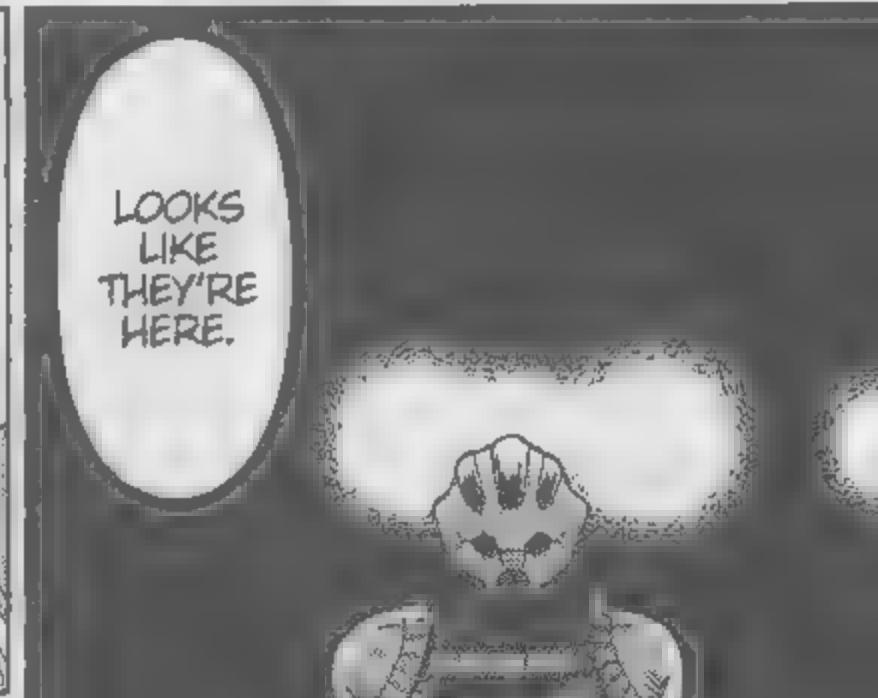
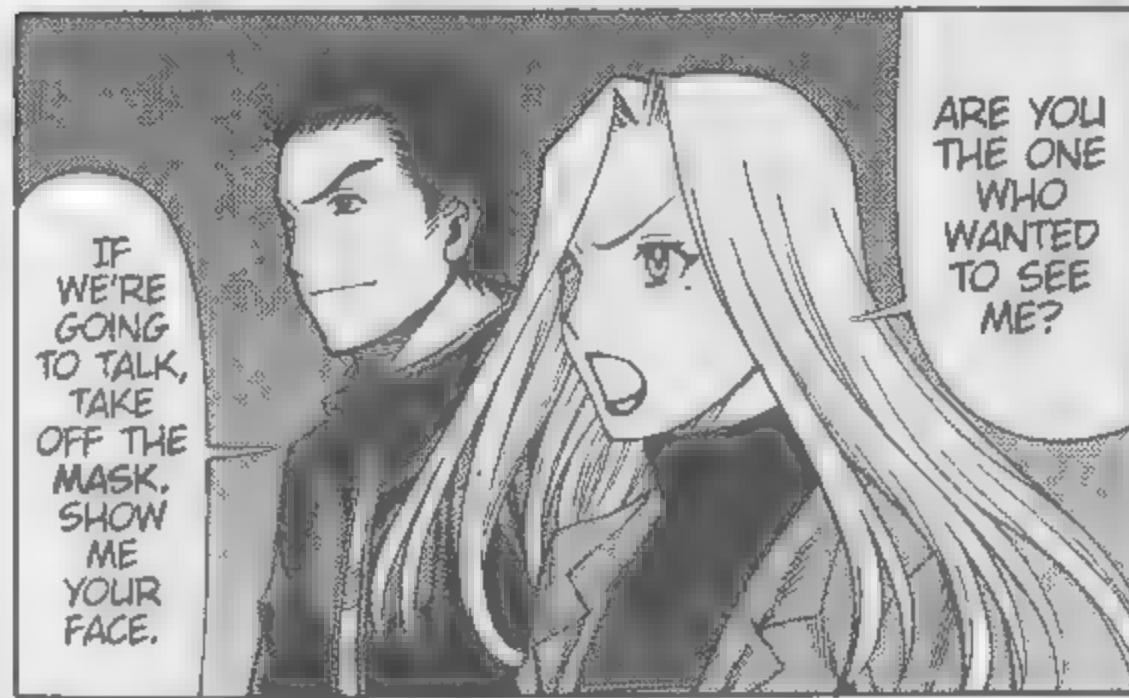


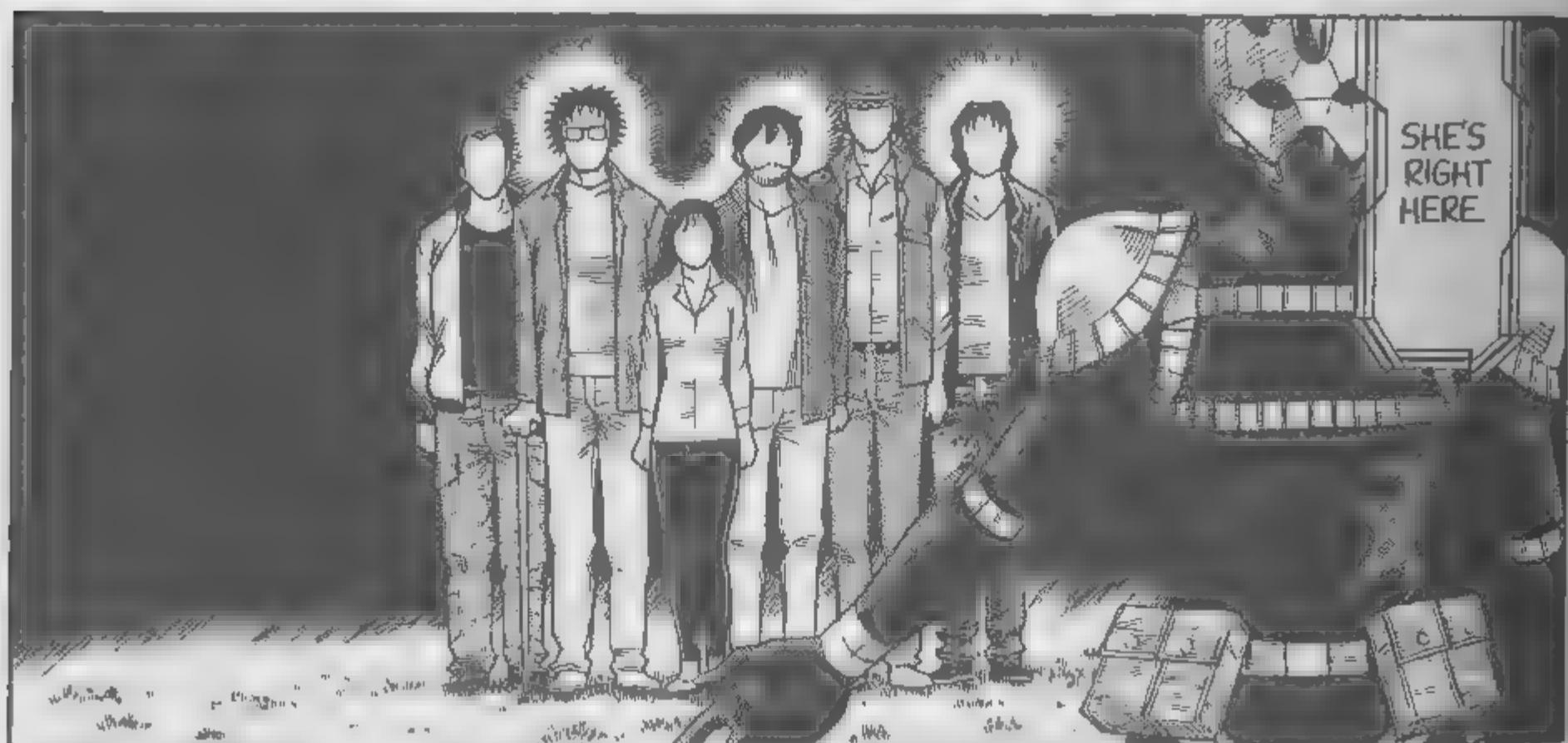
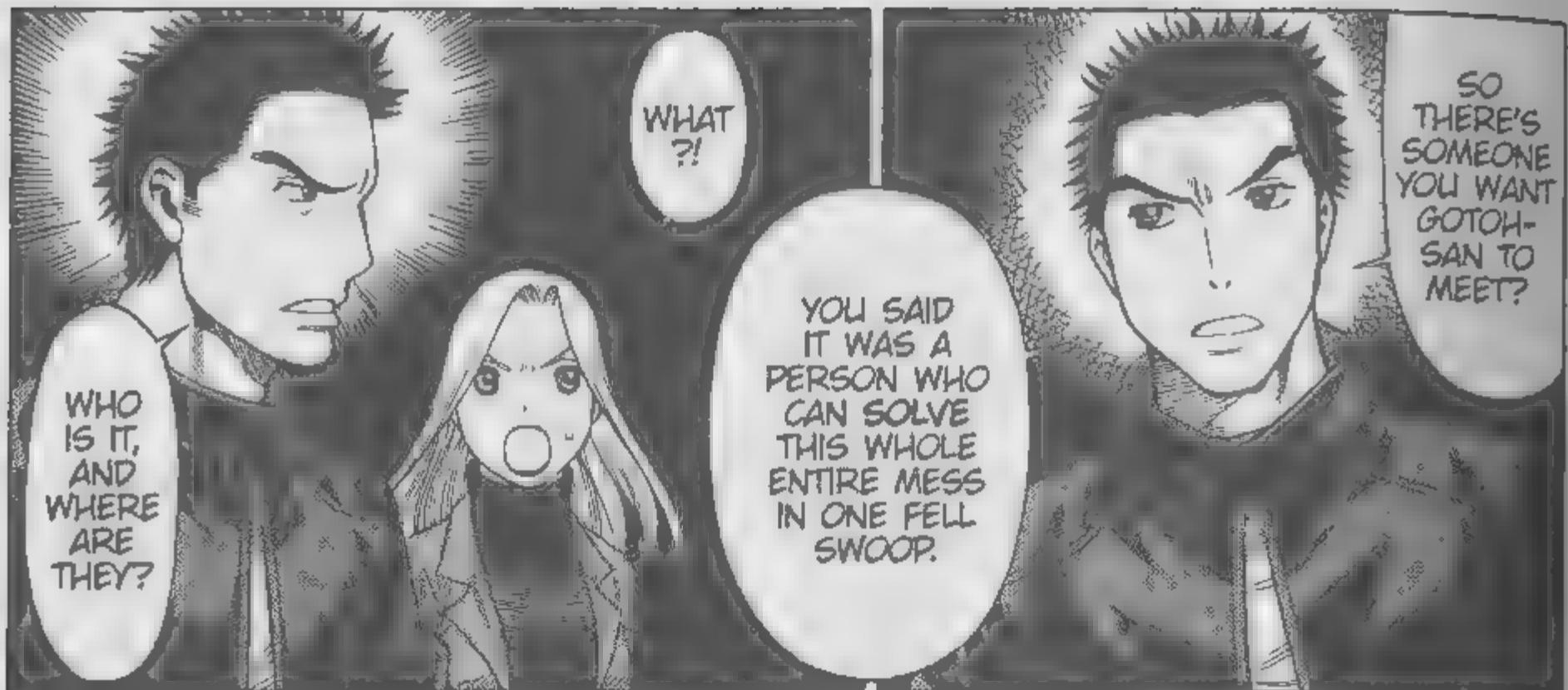














MAKES
SENSE.
SHE'S
DEFINITELY
SOMEBODY
WHO
COULD FIX
EVERY-
THING WITH
A WORD.



MINMEI-CHAN,
ARE THE
VAMPIRES
THAT HAVE
OVERRUN
THE CITY ALL
PART OF
YOUR CLAN?



SHE'S
BEING
CHASED.



I...
I'M
SORRY.
FOR
WHAT
IT'S
WORTH.



WE HAVE
NO IDEA WHO
THEY ARE, BUT
THEY'RE MEAN.
SO WE, UM...
WE NEEDED
HELP. WE GOT
VOLUNTEERS
TOGETHER,
AND UH...



SHE ONLY
EVER BIT
ME AND A
FEW OF
MY FRIENDS,
AND THAT
WAS A LONG
TIME AGO!
BUT, UM,
SHE...



IT'S
NOT
HER
FAULT!

SHE'S
NOT
THE ONE
WHO
STARTED
TURNING
EVERY-
BODY!!

THEN TELL THEM TO TURN THEMSELVES OVER TO THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT! YOU'RE THEIR MASTER. THEY MUST OBEY YOU!

LEAVE THE QUESTION OF YOUR GUILT FOR LATER.

ORDER THEM TO STOP ATTACKING THE CITY!

MINMEI-CHAN!

THE PIED PIPER, THAT'S HOW.

WHAT?! HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE?

NONE OF THEM LISTENED.

IT DOESN'T WORK. WE ALL TRIED TELLING THEM TO STOP, DOZENS OF TIMES.

SHE CAN'T.

MINMEI WAS ONE OF THE INFECTED REFUGEES BROUGHT TO THE MAINLAND, SO THEY COULD BE EXAMINED.

DON'T TELL ME YOU'VE FORGOTTEN.

AND WHEN THAT PERSON BITES SOMEONE, IT'S TRANSFERRED AGAIN. ON AND ON IT GOES...

ANYONE SHE BITES WOULD GET NOT JUST THE VAMPIRISM VIRUS FROM HER, BUT THE PIED PIPER TOO.

ARE YOU SAYING THAT EVERY SINGLE VAMPIRE IN TOKYO RIGHT NOW IS INFECTED WITH THE PIED PIPER?!

SOMEONE MANIPULATED THEM INTO ATTACKING THE CITY?!

THEN...

OH MY GOD!

THEN THAT MEANS ...!



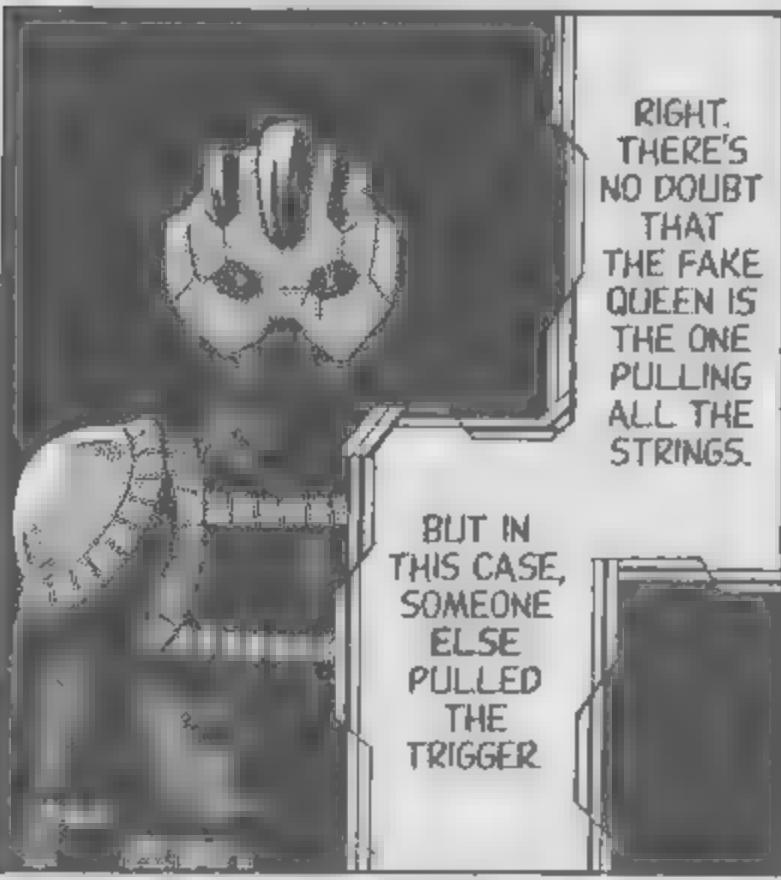
THERE'S ONLY
ONE PERSON
OUT THERE
WHO CAN USE
THE PIED
PIPER AS A
WEAPON.



REAL
SHORT
LIST OF
SUSPECTS
...



AH!



RIGHT,
THERE'S
NO DOUBT
THAT
THE FAKE
QUEEN IS
THE ONE
PULLING
ALL THE
STRINGS.

BUT IN
THIS CASE,
SOMEONE
ELSE
PULLED
THE
TRIGGER



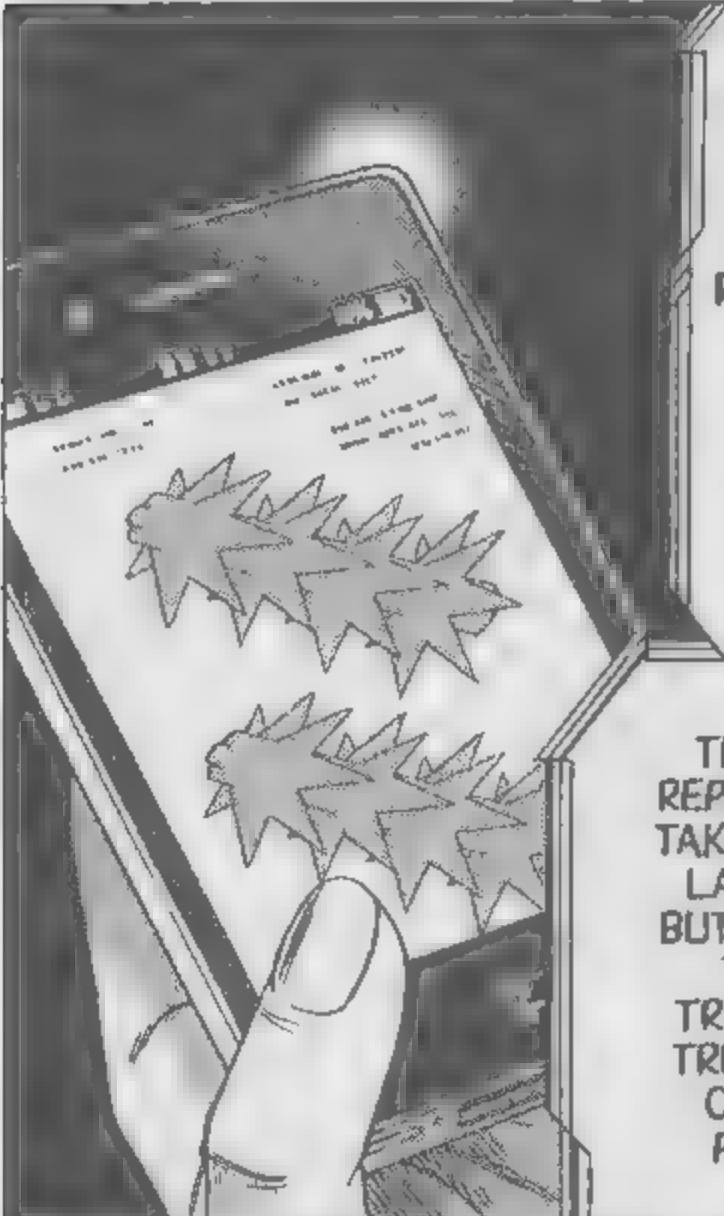
I
KNEW
IT!



HERE
A PRESENT
FROM MY
BOSS.
HAVE A
LOOK.

WHAT
DO
YOU
MEAN?

I
KNEW
SHE
HAD
TO BE
BEHIND
IT ALL!



SEE, THE PIED PIPER WAS DESIGNED TO BE REPROGRAMMABLE, EVEN AT A DISTANCE, TO MAKE IT ADJUSTABLE TO THE DEMANDS OF THE MISSION.

THE ACTUAL REPROGRAMMING TAKES A PRETTY LARGE SETUP, BUT THE DEVICE THAT CAN TRANSMIT AND TRIGGER THOSE CHANGES IS PORTABLE.



IT'S A TOP SECRET FILE FROM THE PIED PIPER'S DEVELOPMENT.

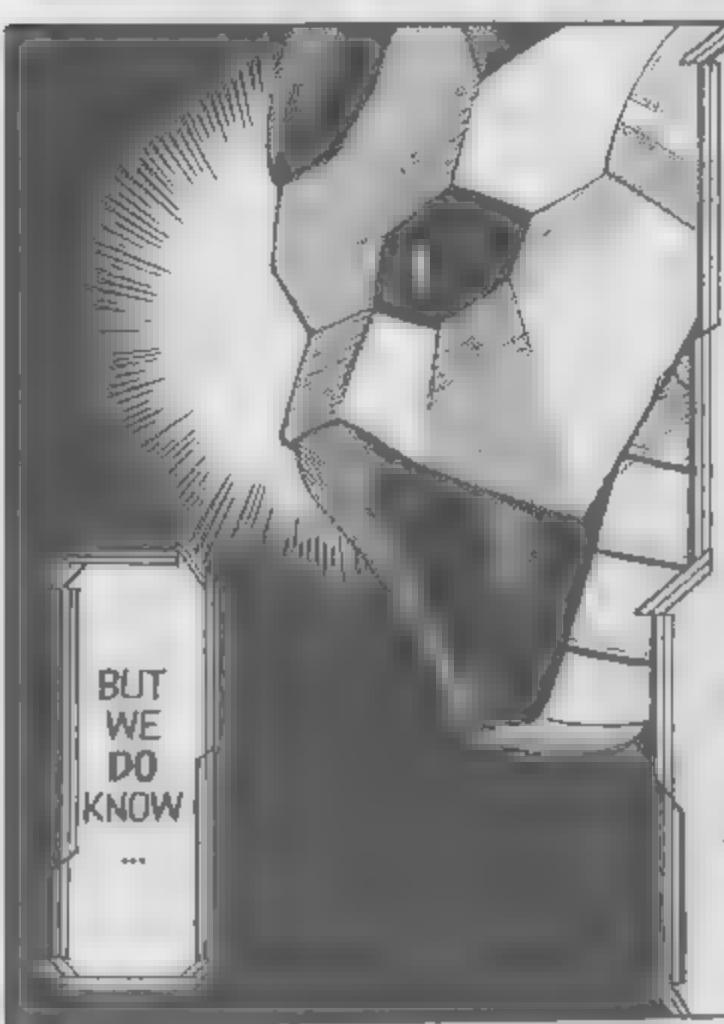


EXACTLY.



SO WHOEVER HOLDS THAT DEVICE IS THE ONE WHO STARTED ALL THIS?

PORTABLE?



BUT WE DO KNOW ...

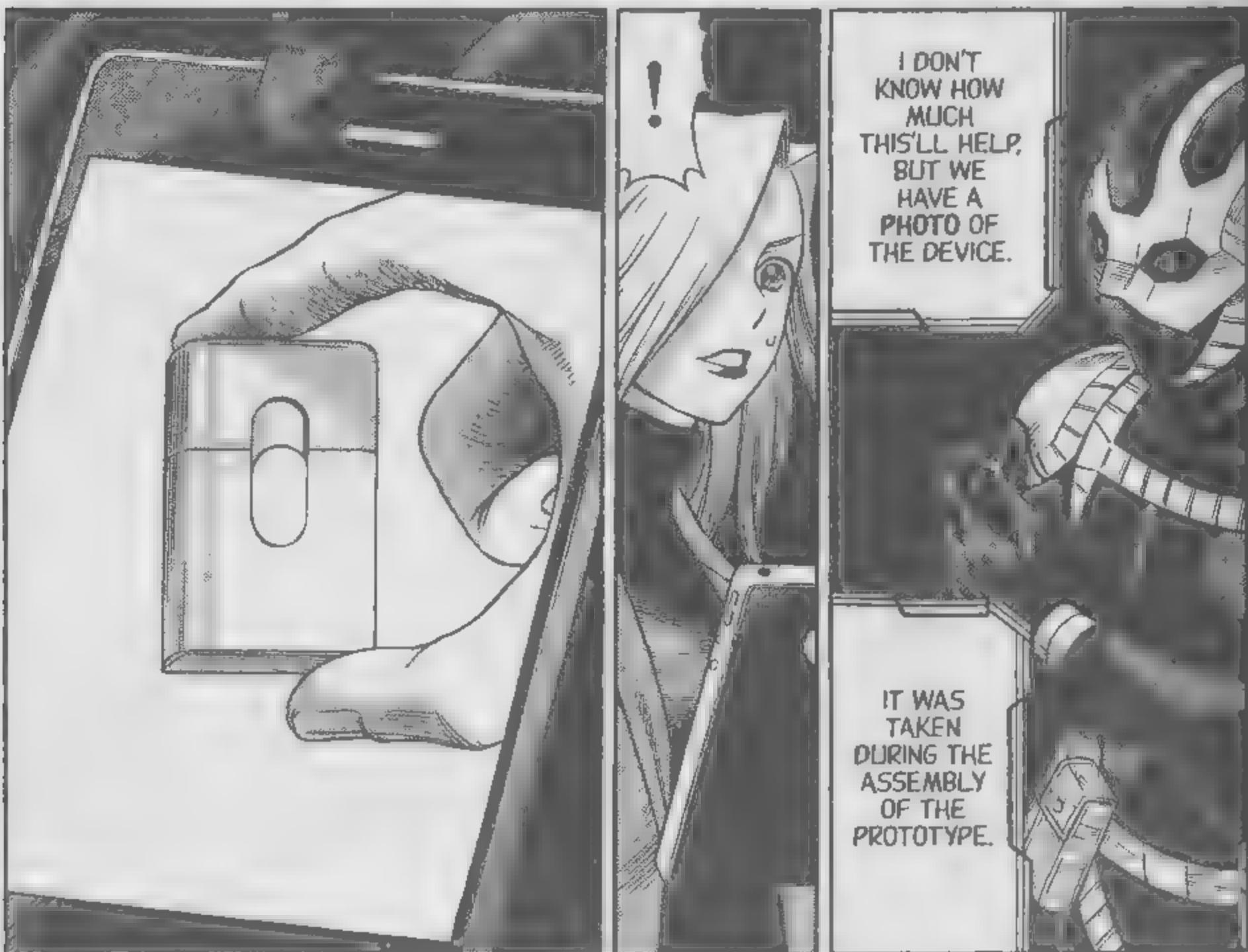
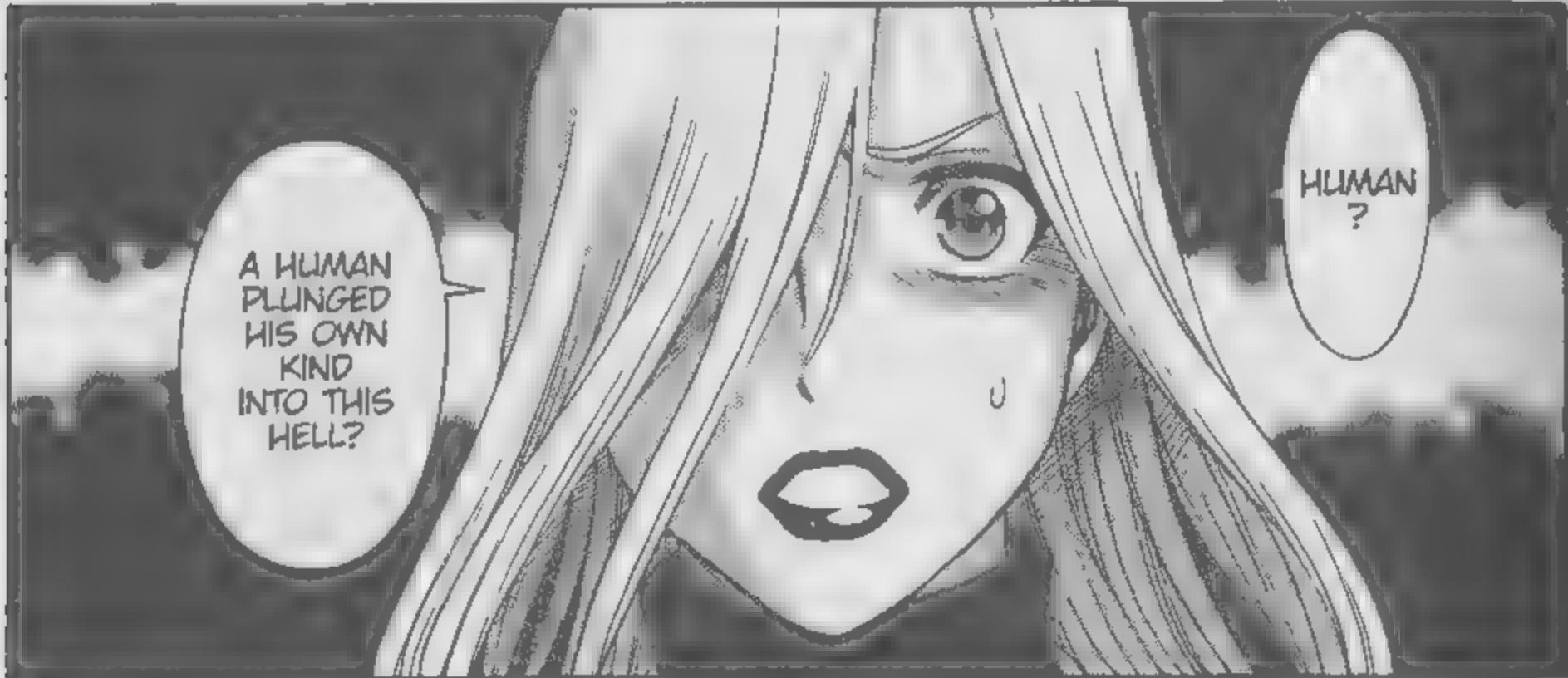
WE DON'T KNOW WHO THAT SOMEBODY IS.

MY BOSS HAS NO IDEA, UNFORTUNATELY. ALL WE KNOW IS THAT THE DEVICE WAS PASSED INTO THE HANDS OF ANOTHER.



SO WHO IS IT, EH? I BET YOUR BOSS KNOWS.

AFTER ALL, TO KNOW ANY OF THIS, HE HAS TO BE SOMEBODY IN A POSITION TO ACCESS THE BLIND'S TOP SECRET FILES.

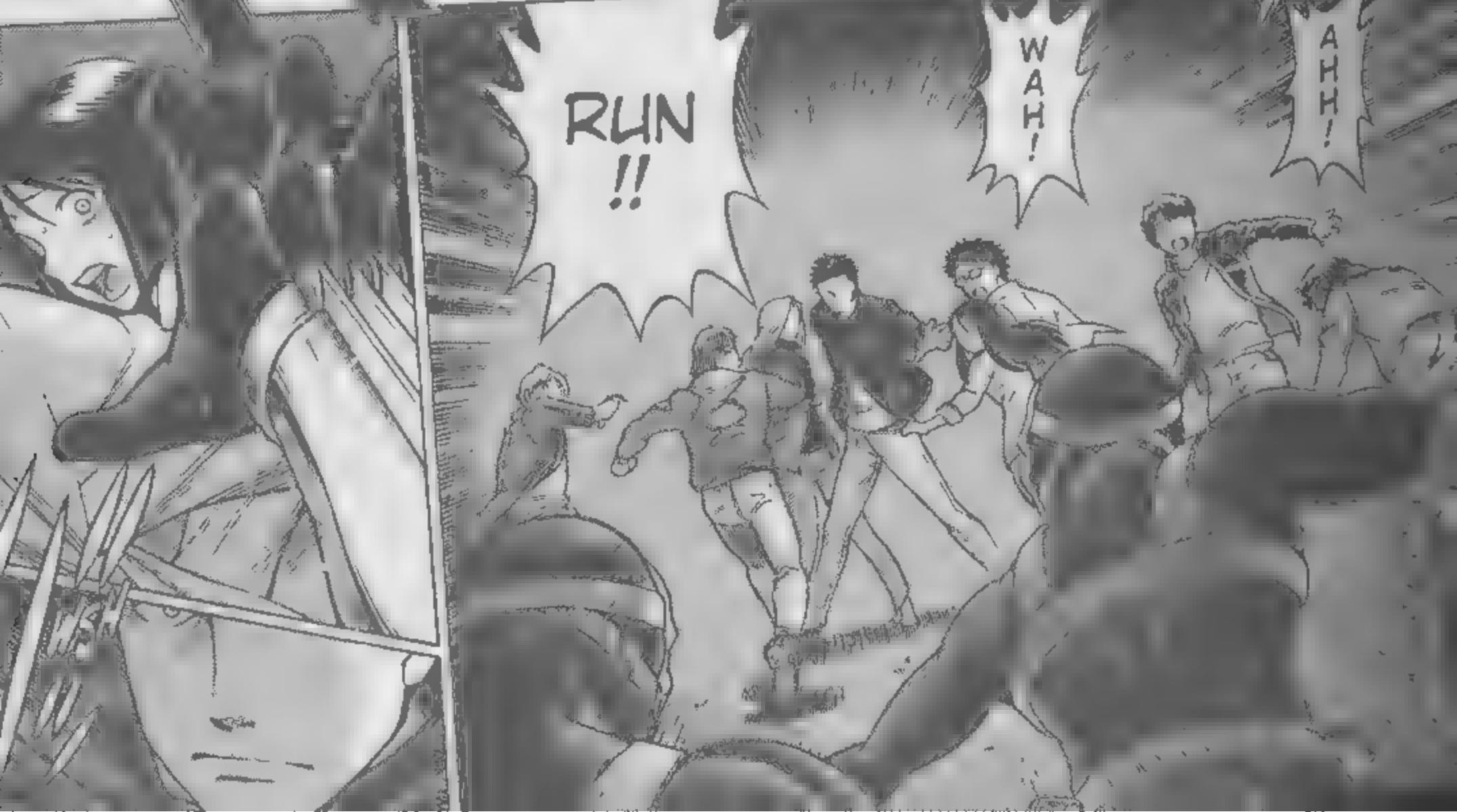


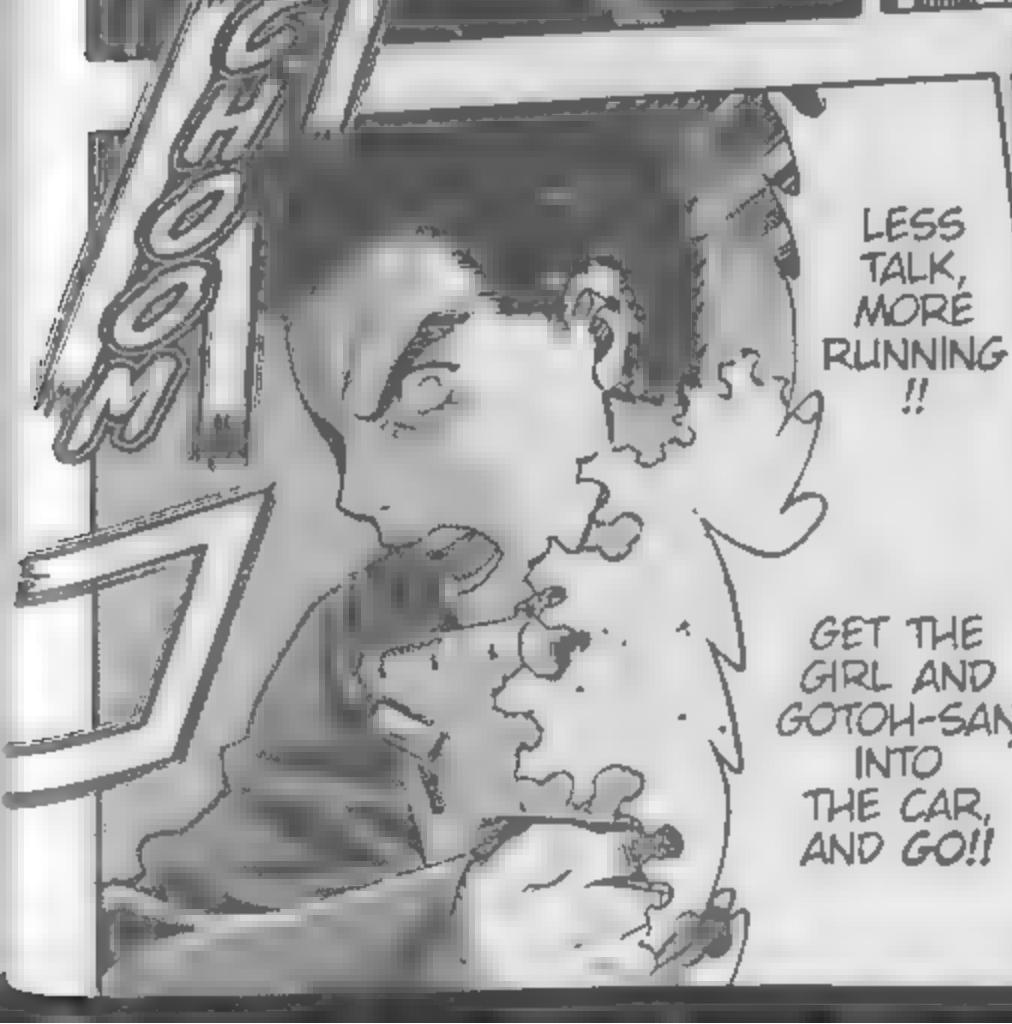
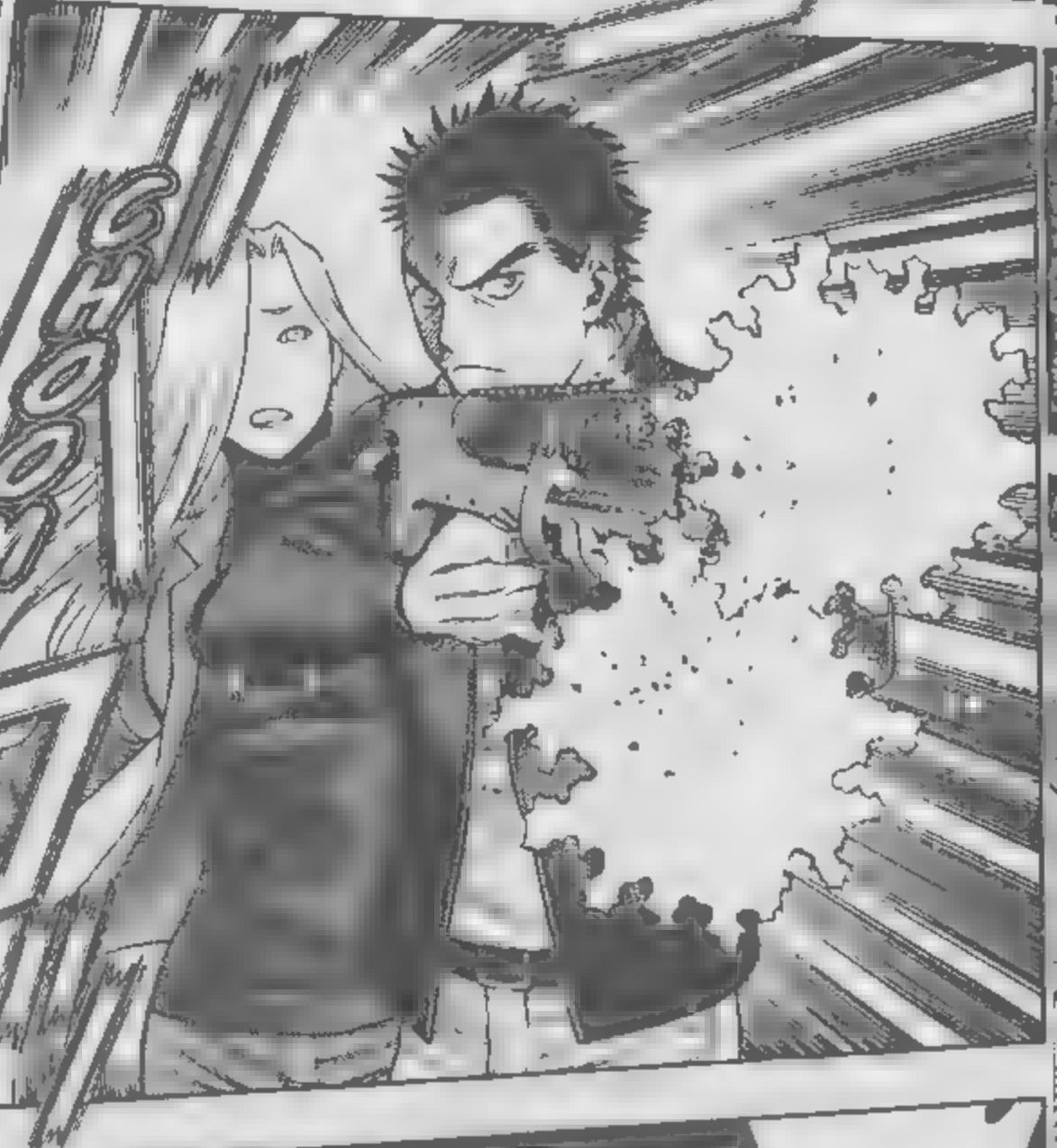
I'VE
SEEN
THAT!!

OH
MY
GOD!

WHERE
?!

ALL OF
YOU,
GET
OVER
HERE!
NOW!!





GET THE
GIRL AND
GOTOH-SAN
INTO
THE CAR,
AND GO!!



公主殿下
(YOUR HIGHNESS.)

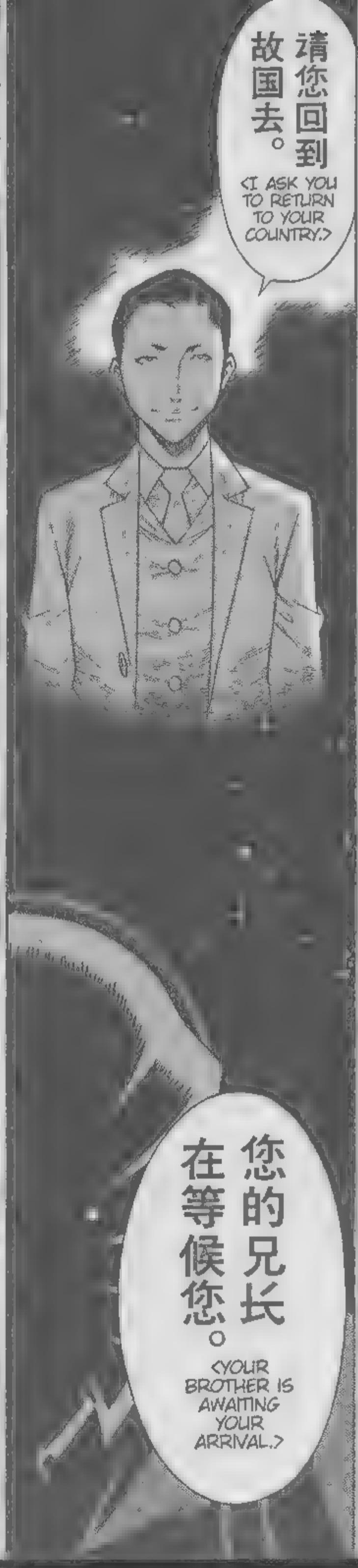
请您回到
故国去。

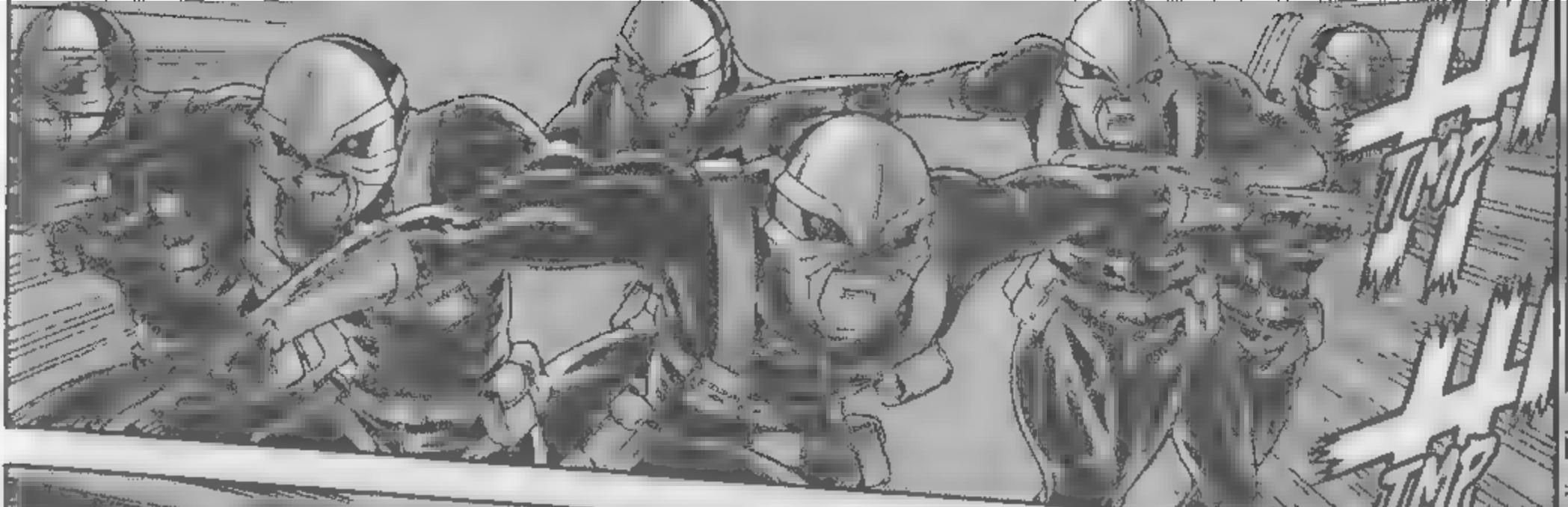
(I ASK YOU
TO RETURN
TO YOUR
COUNTRY.)



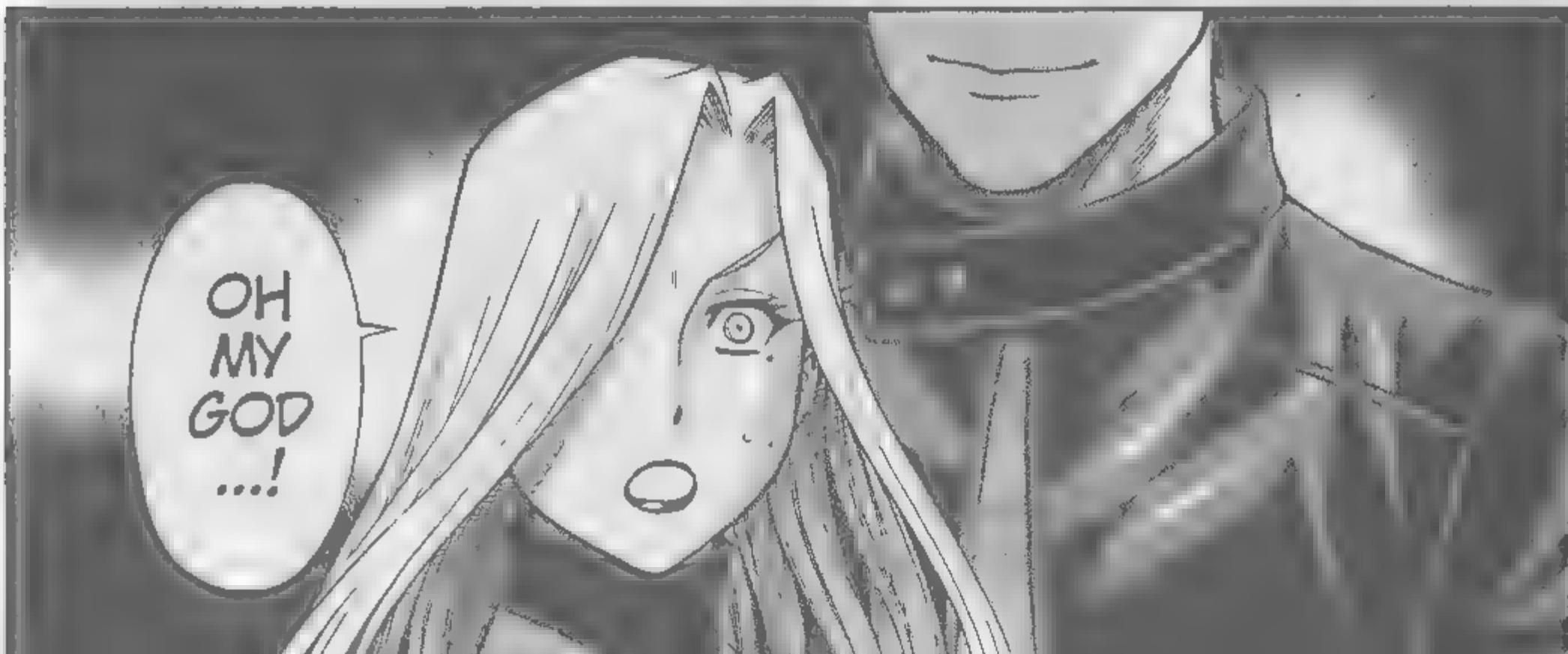
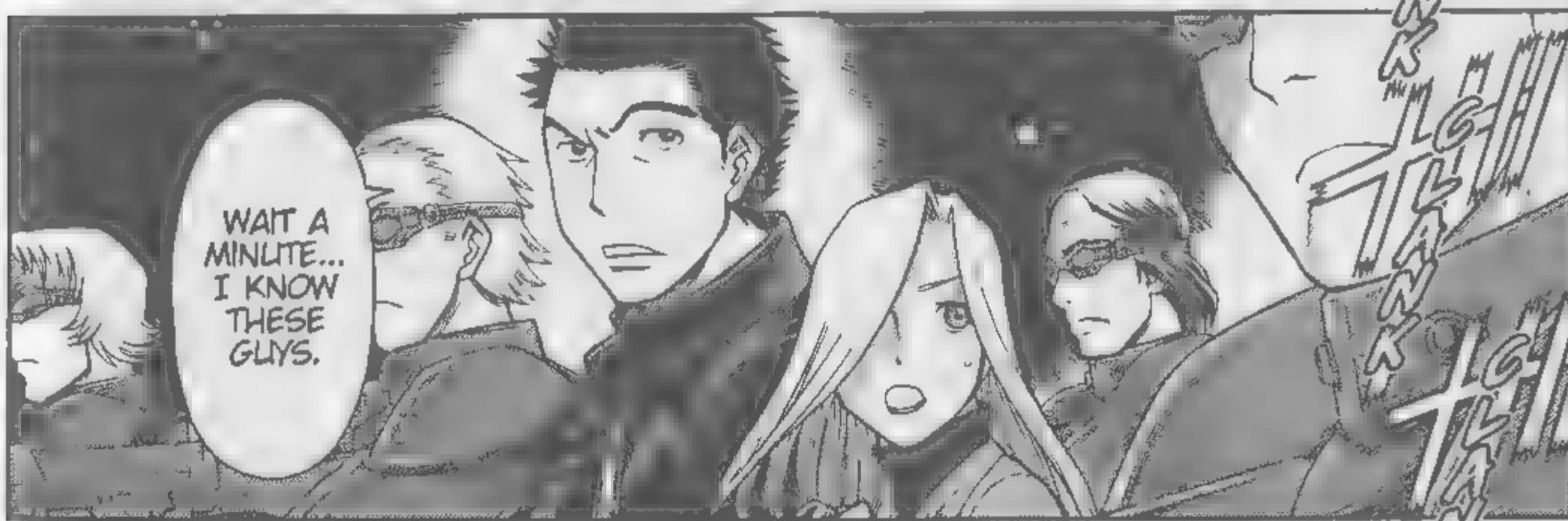
您的兄长
在等候您。

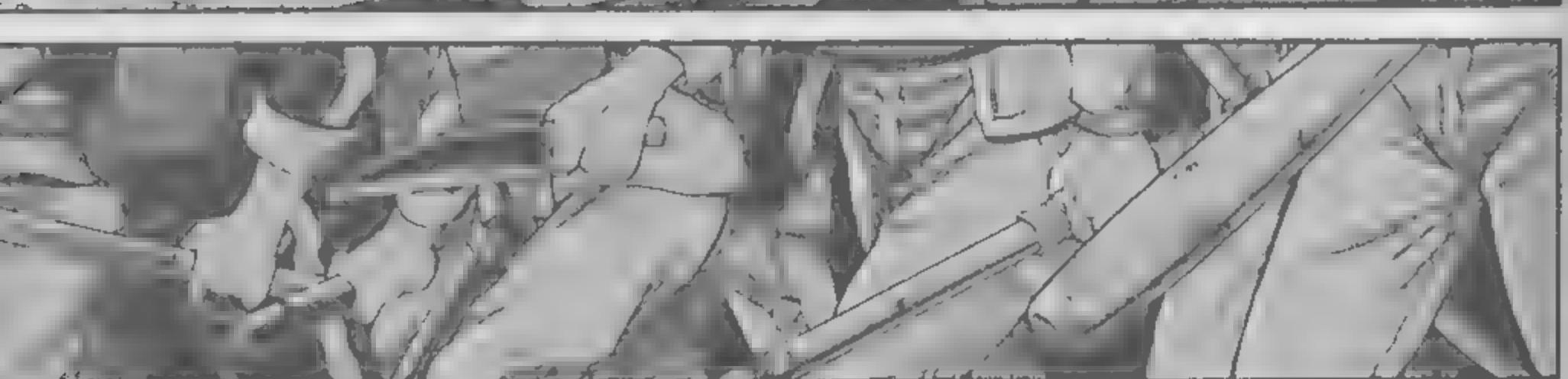
(YOUR
BROTHER IS
AWAITING
YOUR
ARRIVAL.)



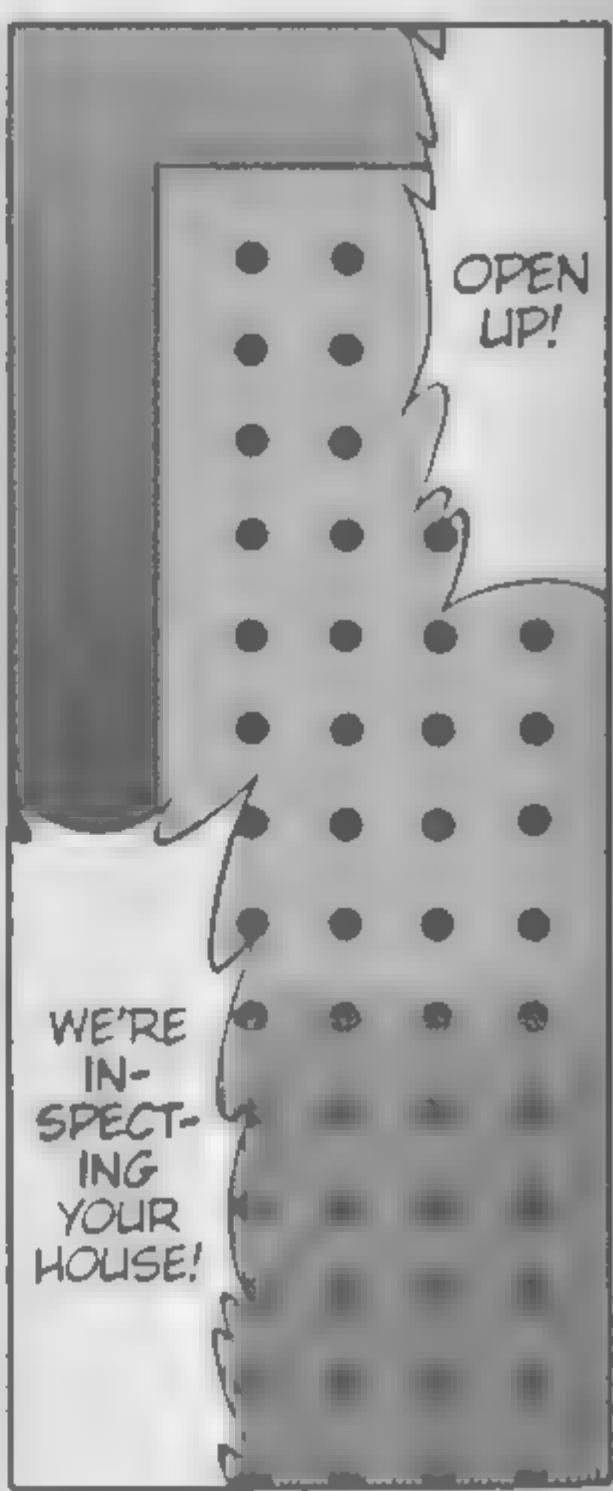
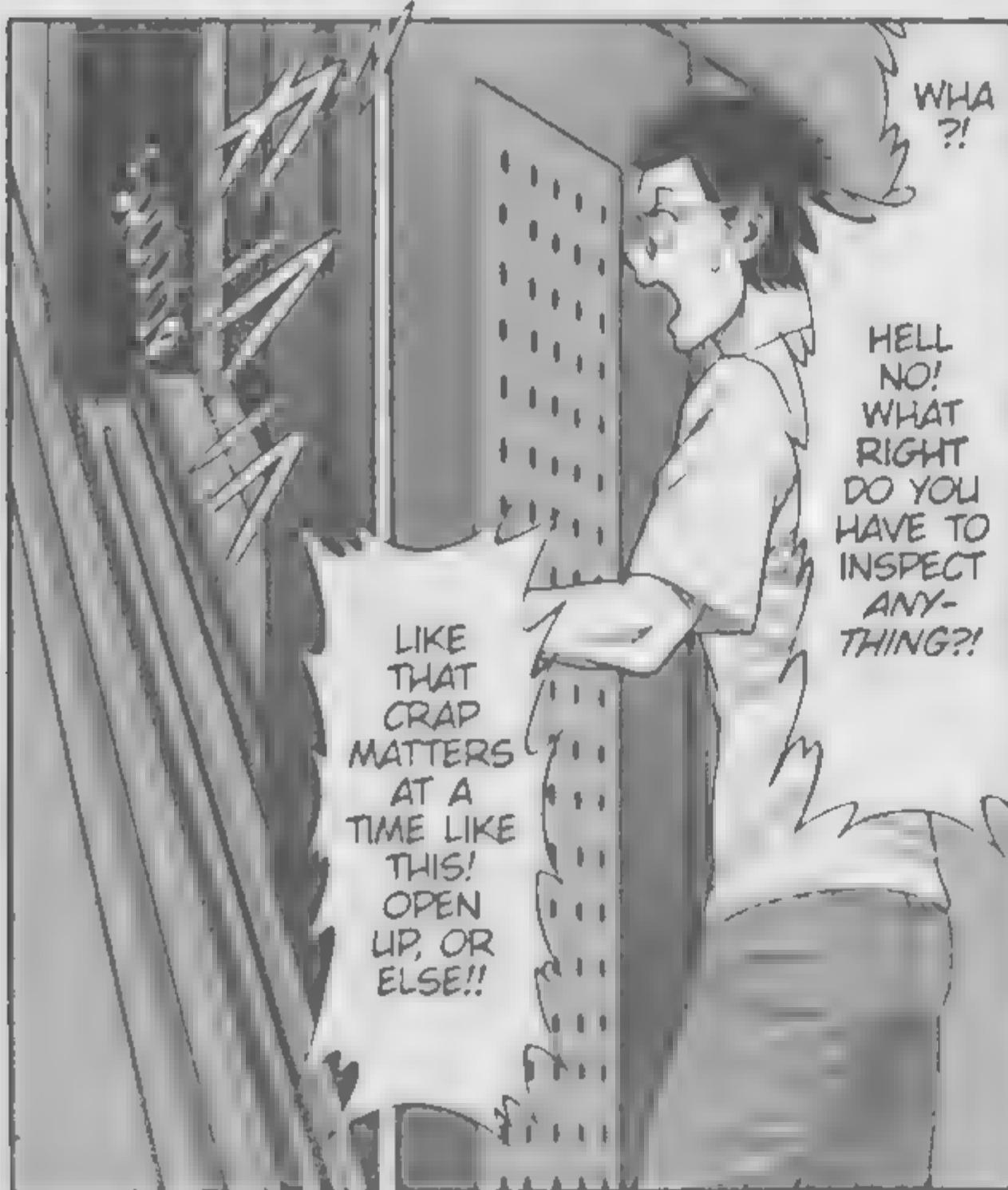








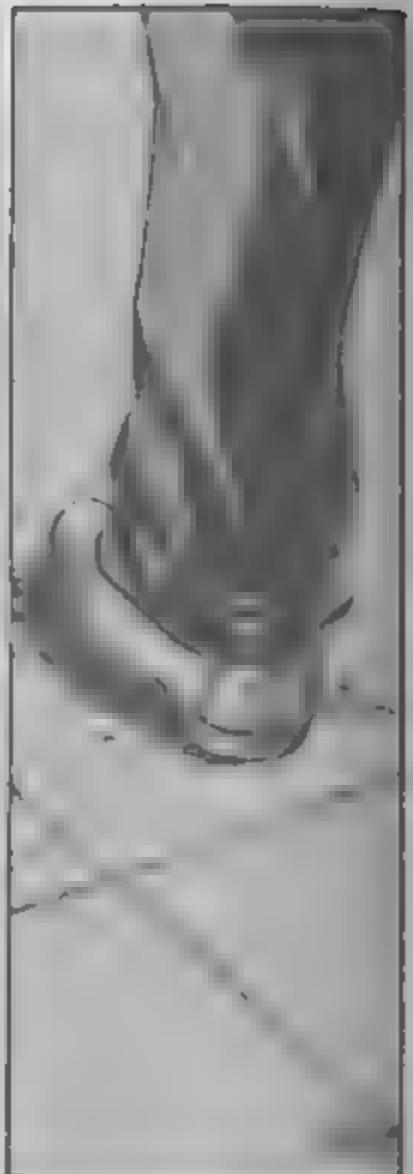












WHAT?!
PROVE
IT!

YOU'RE A
DAMN
VAMPIRE
SUPPORTER!
A TRAITOR
TO YOUR
OWN
RACE!!

THE
HELL
YOU
ARE!

I'M A
REGULAR,
HUMAN
CITIZEN,
JUST LIKE
YOU!

WHAT
THE
HELL IS
WITH
THIS
TREAT-
MENT,
EH?!

THAT'S
YOU,
ISN'T
IT?

TAKE A
LOOK AT
THIS
PICTURE.

WATA-
NABE-
SAN.

NOT
THE
FACE.
THE
ARM.

IT
COULD
BE ANY-
BODY!

YOU
CAN'T
EVEN
SEE THE
GUY'S
FACE!

WHA
---?!

町内バトロ
SECURITY PATROL

TRUE.

BUT WHO CARES ABOUT PROOF?

W-WAIT! WHOA!

HOLD ON!!



THAT ISN'T ME!

WE DON'T.

THIS PHOTO PROVES NOTHING !!

YOU LOVED FLAUNTING ALL YOUR NEW WEALTH, DIDN'T YOU?

THAT'S WHY I WARNED YOU TO BE A LITTLE MORE... GENEROUS WITH IT.

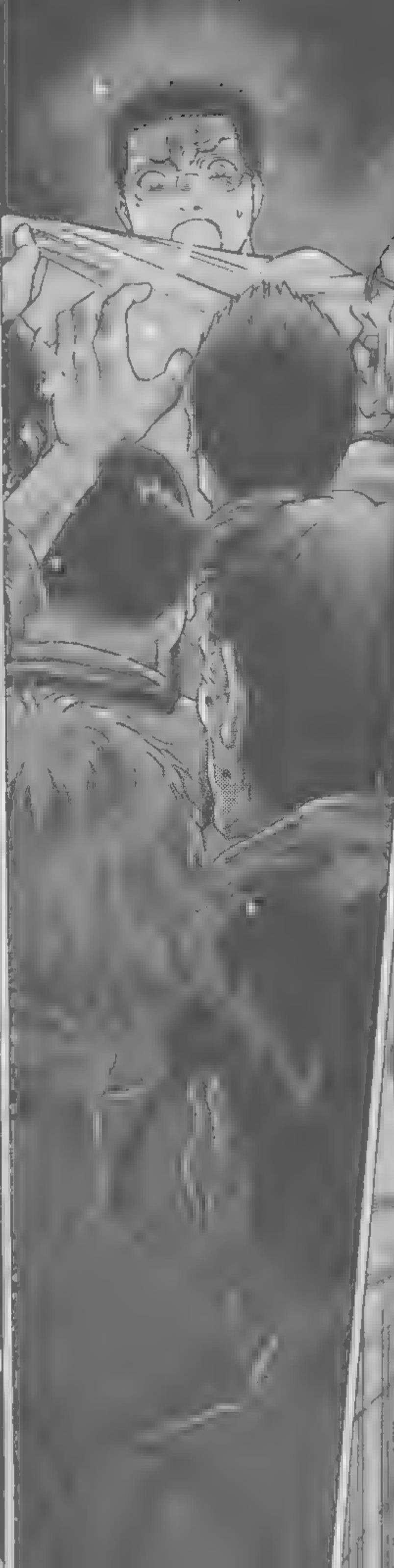
WELL, NOW IT LOOKS LIKE THAT'S COME BACK TO BITE YOU.

JUST LIKE THE ONE YOU HAVE.

THAT WATCH ...

IT'S A FRANCK MULLER DOUBLE FACE, ISN'T IT?





BAM!!

OPEN
UP, YOU
VAMPIRE
SLUT!!

TAKA-
FUMI-
KUN?!

OPEN
UP, OR
WE'LL
BREAK
IT
DOWN!!

TAKA-
FUMI-
KUN!!





Chapter 79: At Tel Meggido









YOU
BAS-
TARD
!!

YOU
LAY
ONE
HAND
ON
RYO-
TARO,
AND
I'LL
KILL
YOU!!

YOU AND
YOUR
WHORE,
AND
YOUR
BRAT!!

WE'LL FIND
OUT ONE
WAY OR
ANOTHER,
WHEN WE
STAKE YOU
THROUGH
THE
HEART!

WE'LL
LINE UP
ALL
THREE
OF YOU
ON THE
STREET,
NICE AND
PRETTY!





STAY
BACK
!!

"AND
WHATEVER
BEFALLS
THEM
IS THEIR
OWN
FAULT."

"THERE WILL
BE THOSE
WHO OPPOSE
THIS. THESE
SELFISH PEOPLE
SEEK ONLY
PERSONAL
GAIN..."

"IT IS
THE DUTY
OF ALL
CITIZENS
TO BAND
TOGETHER
AND
FACE IT.

"DISASTER
HAS
FALLEN
UPON
OUR
FAIR
CITY."

-SKCH

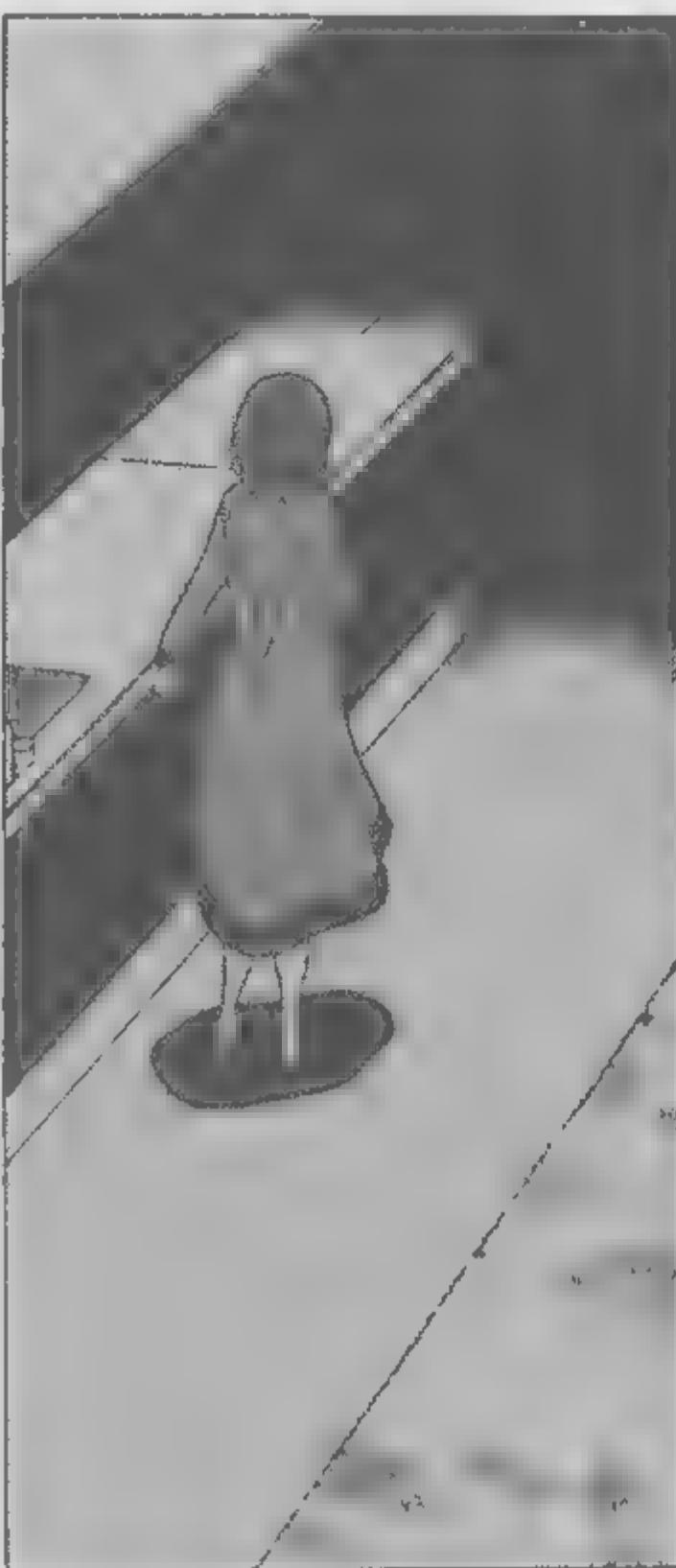
STAY
BACK
!!

THIS IS
YOUR
LAST
WARNING!





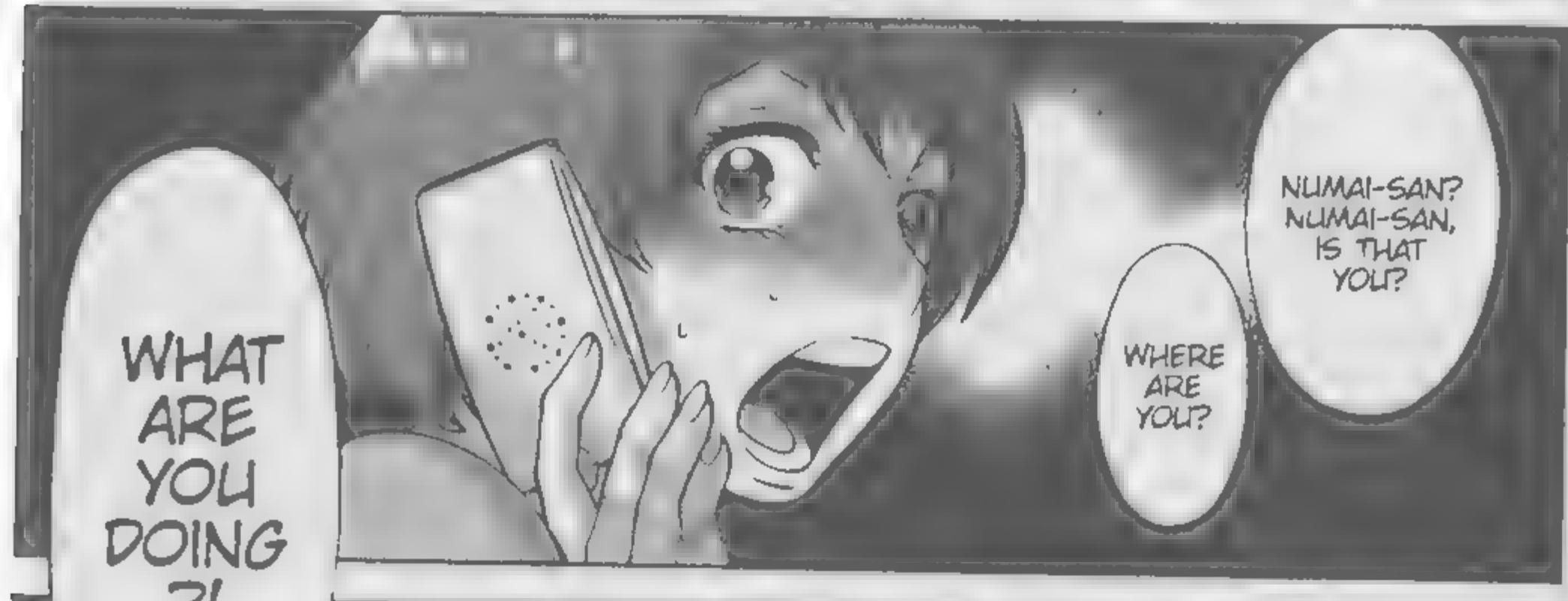
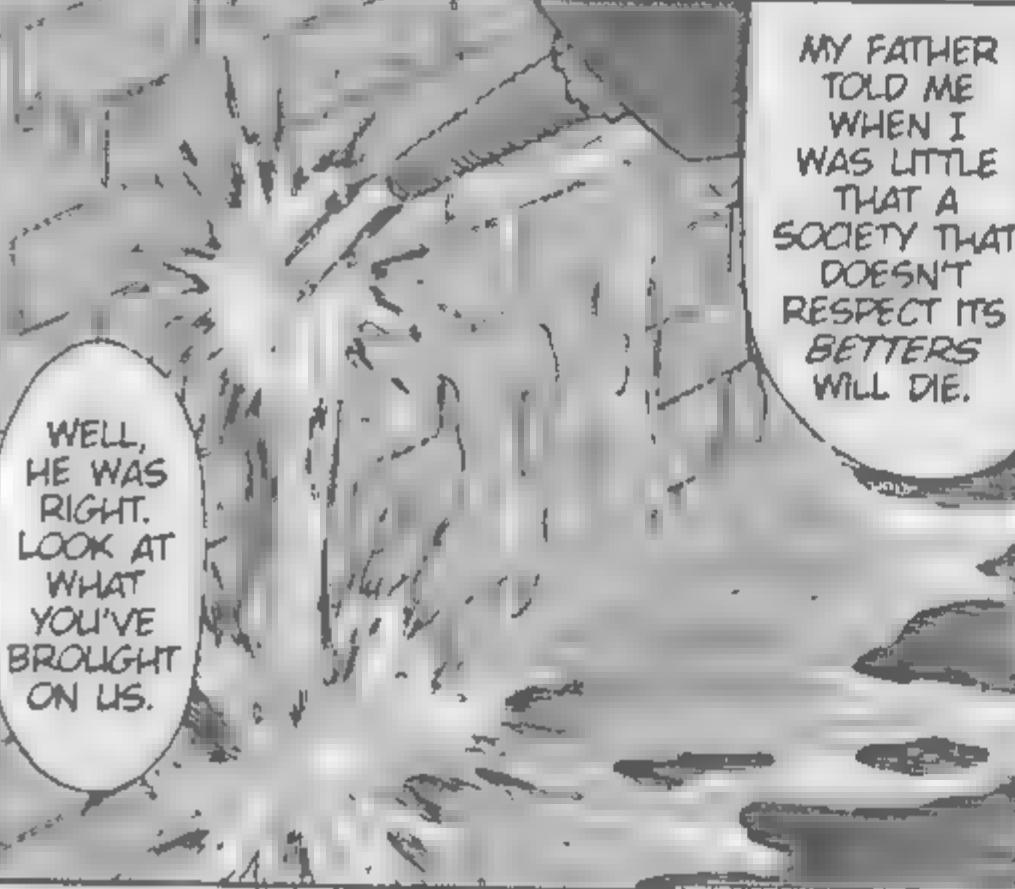


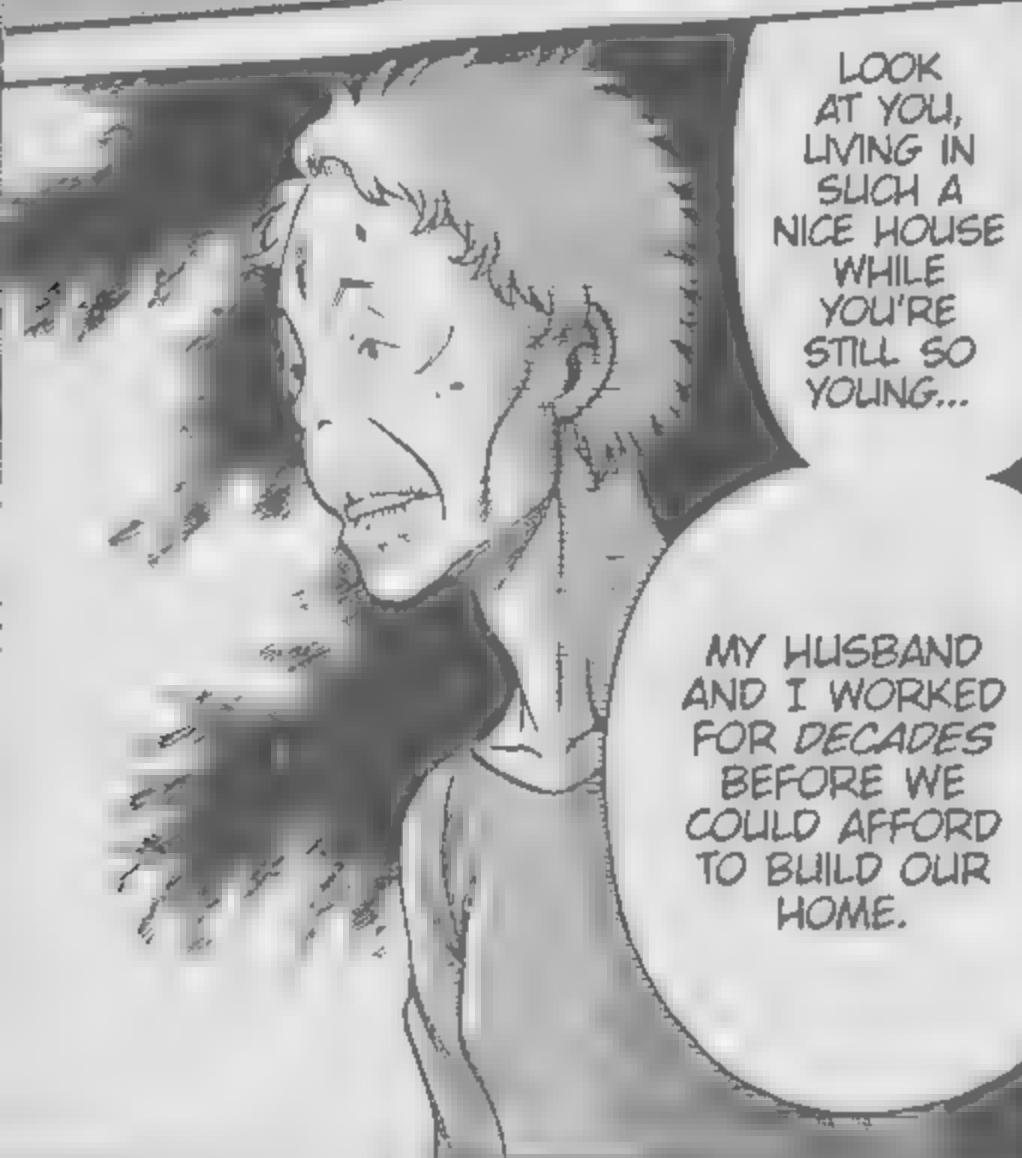




I
WARNED
YOU.
BUT DID
YOU
LISTEN?
NO.

YOU DIDN'T
PUT IT UP,
SO
VAMPIRES
GOT INTO
YOUR
HOME.







THEY...
THEY
SET IT
ON
FIRE!

MY
HOUSE
...

CHIAMI
...

WHA
...?

CHIAMI
...

KRACK





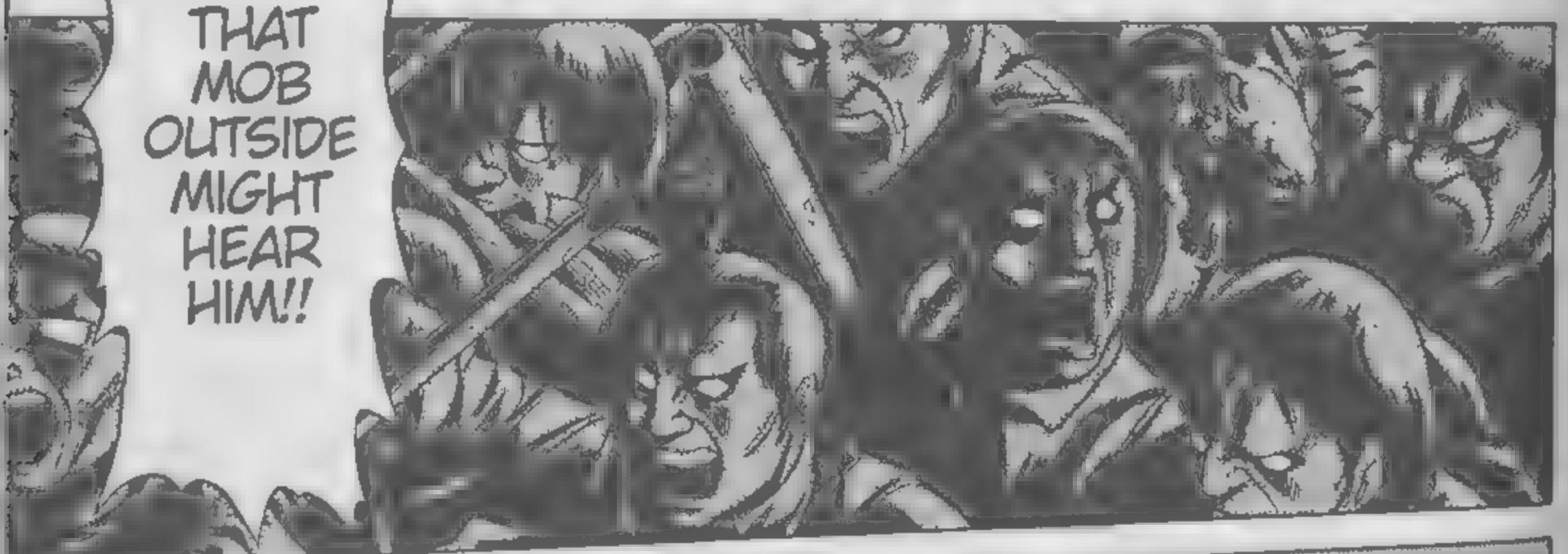


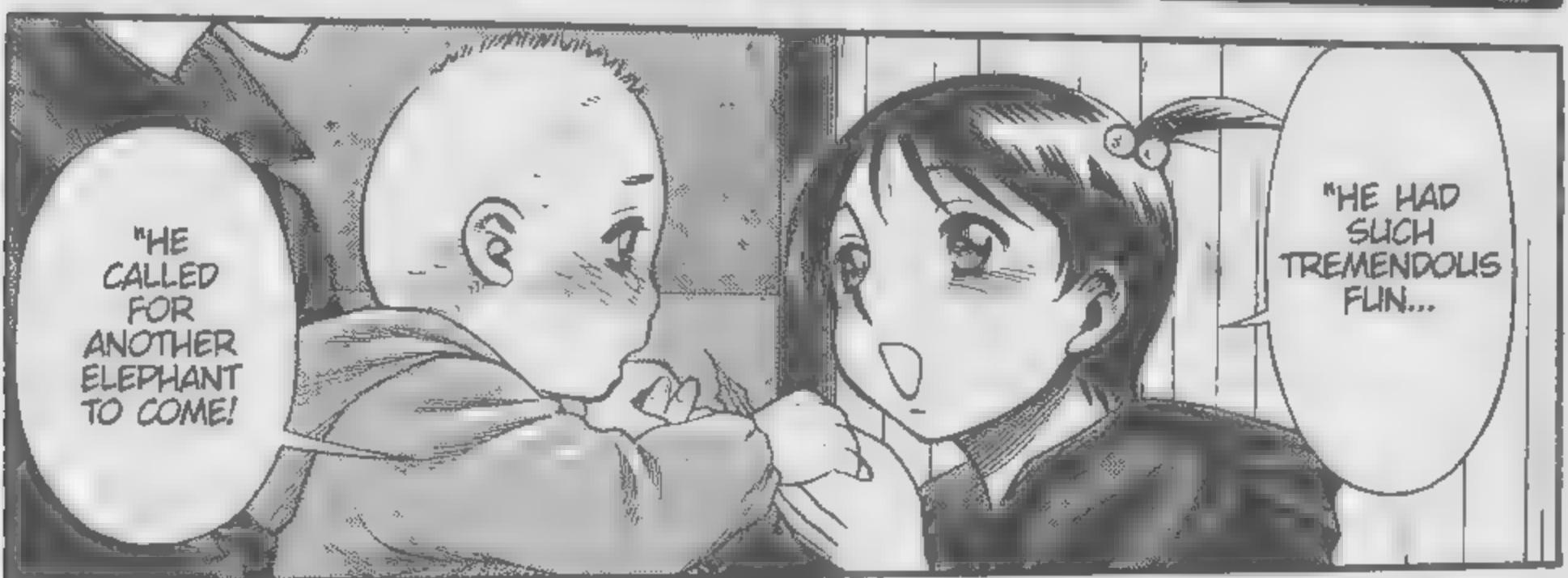
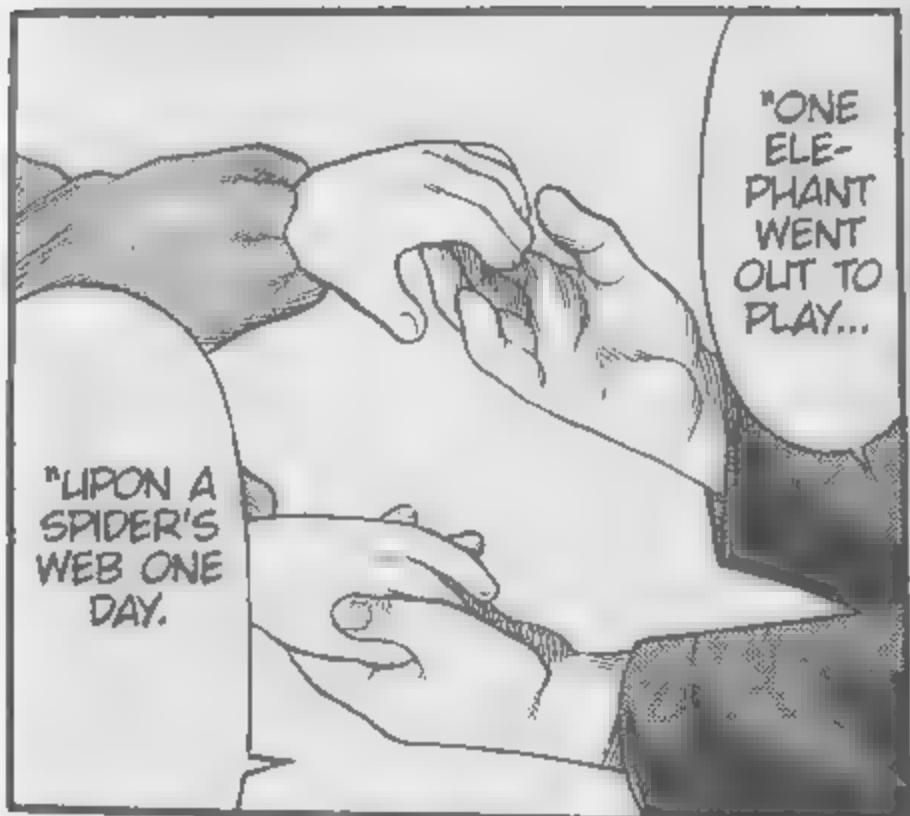
IT'S...
OKAY...

OH
MY
GOD
!!

NNH

WAIT
...







"THEY
HAD SUCH
TREMEN-
DOUS
FUN..."

"FOUR
ELEPHANTS
WENT OUT
TO PLAY..."

"UPON A
SPIDER'S
WEB ONE
DAY."

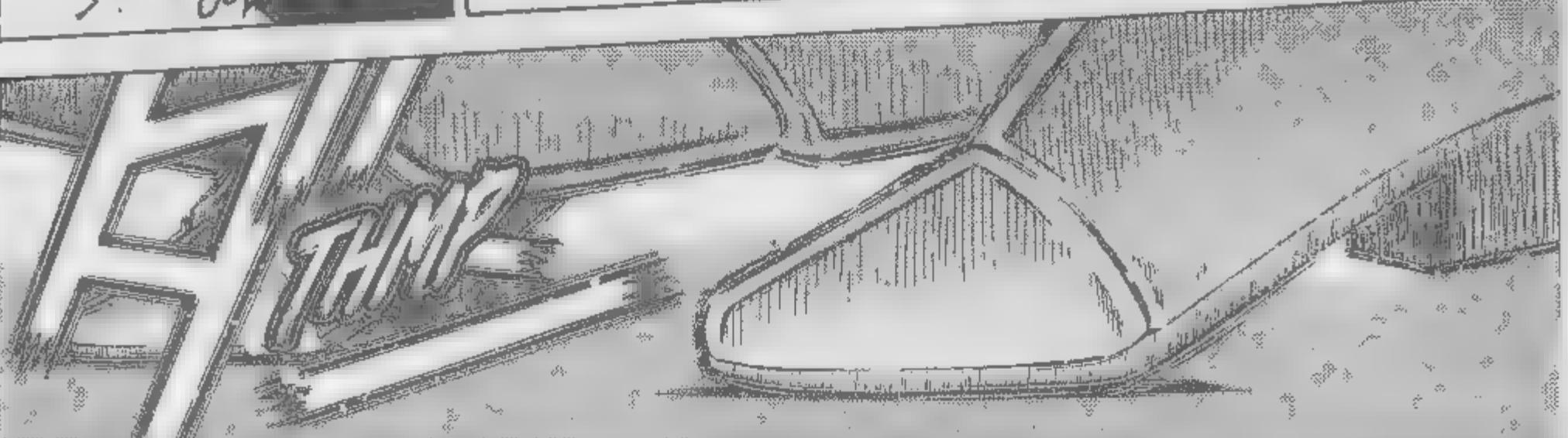
"THREE
ELE-
PHANTS
WENT
OUT TO
PLAY..."

"THEY
CALLED
FOR
ANOTHER
ELEPHANT
TO
COME!"

"UPON A
SPIDER'S
WEB ONE
DAY."

"THEY
CALLED
FOR
ANOTHER
ELEPHANT
TO COME!"

"THEY HAD
SUCH TRE-
MENDOUS
FUN..."

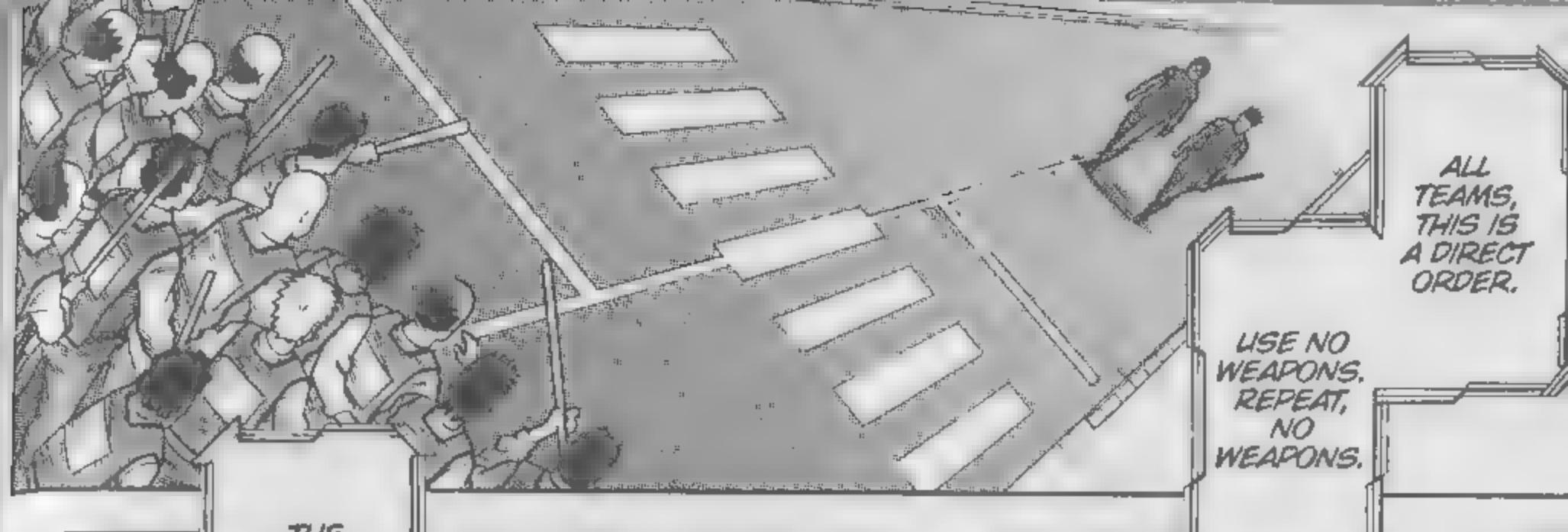


WHOOSH!

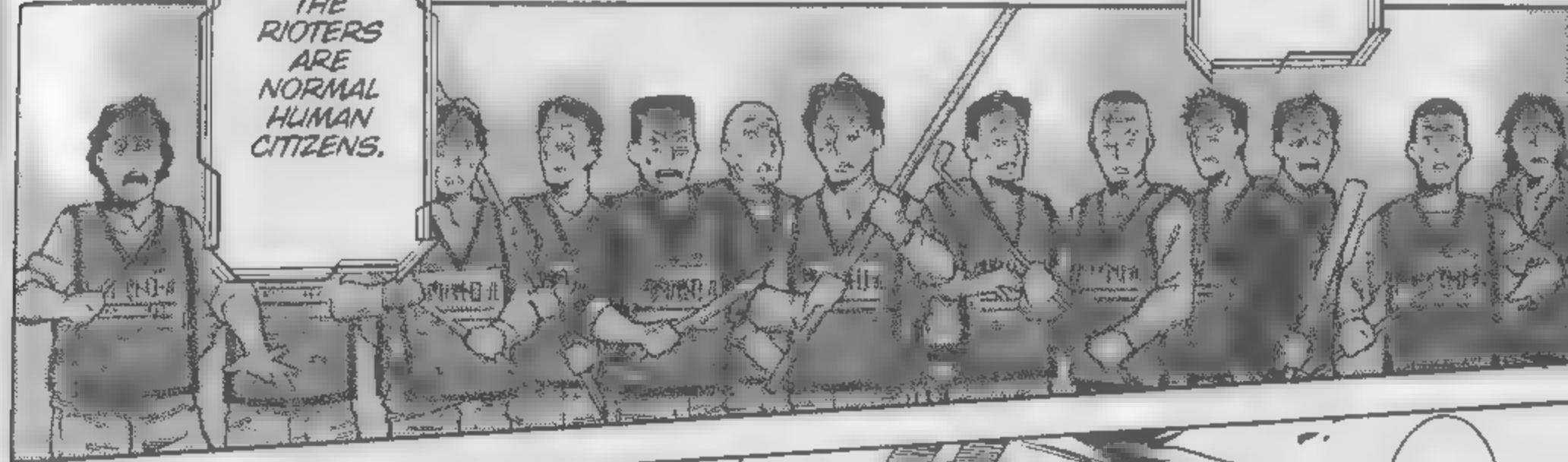


ROGER,
ALPHA
TEAM.
SECURE
LOCATION.

THIS IS
ALPHA
TEAM.
INSERTION
COMPLETE.



THE RIOTERS ARE NORMAL HUMAN CITIZENS.



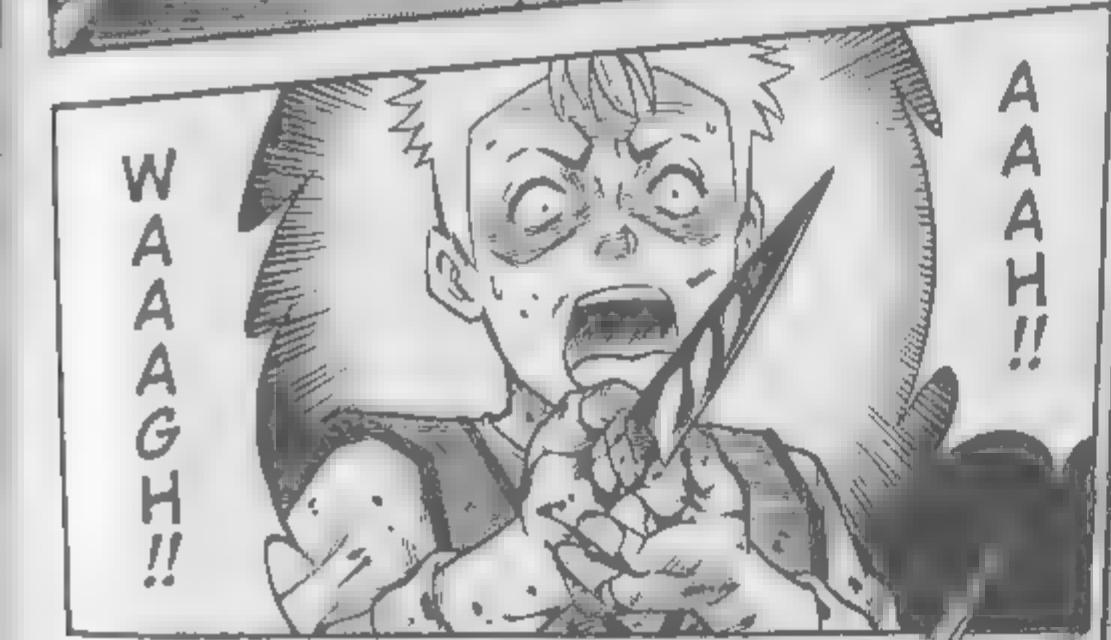
RIOTER!!

















YOU'LL
FIND IT
THERE.

GO
HOME
AND
LOOK
IN A
MIRROR.

BOTH
TARGET
FAMILIES
HAVE
BEEN
RECOV-
ERED.

ONE
MEMBER
IS
SEVERELY
INJURED.
REQUEST-
ING EMER-
GENCY
MEDICAL
AID.





TO GIVE
BACK TO
YOU THE
BEAUTIES
OF THE
DEEP NIGHT
AND THE
PURE
DAWN!!

I STAND
BEFORE
YOU FOR
ONE
REASON..



YOUR
QUEEN
HAS
RETURNED
!!

CITIZENS
OF THE
VAMPIRE
BLIND...

WE HAVE UNIDENTIFIED HELICOPTERS AND MILITARY VEHICLES WANDERING ALL OVER THE CITY!

SPECIAL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
TOKYO HEADQUARTERS

GOTOH-KUN, WHAT ON EARTH IS HAPPENING?!

DON'T WORRY, SIR. THE RIOT WAS SUPPRESSED BEFORE IT COULD GET STARTED, AND BEOWULF HAS CUSTODY OF THE ENDANGERED CITIZENS.

WHAT?!

ON MY OWN AUTHORITY, I BEGGED MINA-HIME TO DEPLOY BEOWULF TO DEFUSE THE SITUATION.

SIR, DUE TO A CRITICAL INFORMATION LEAK WITHIN THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, INNOCENT CITIZENS WERE BEING PUT AT RISK.

UNDERSTOOD, SIR.

HEY ---!

ONCE THIS ENTIRE SITUATION HAS BEEN RESOLVED, I WILL FREELY ACCEPT WHATEVER PUNISHMENT IS DEEMED APPROPRIATE.

THAT QUALIFIES AS ARMED REBELLION, MAKING YOU A FULL-FLEDGED TRAITOR TO THE STATE!

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU HAVE DONE?!

YOU HAVE ORDERED A FOREIGN MERCENARY UNIT TO OPERATE WITHIN CITY LIMITS, WITHOUT ANY GOVERNMENT APPROVAL!

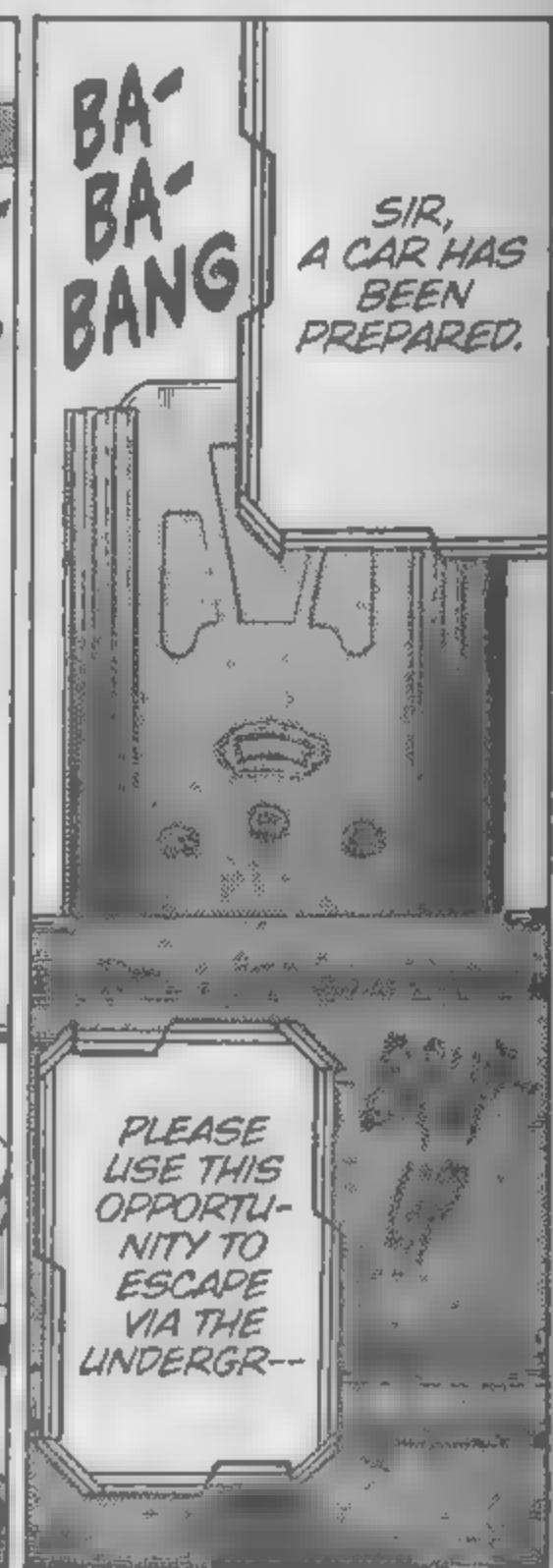
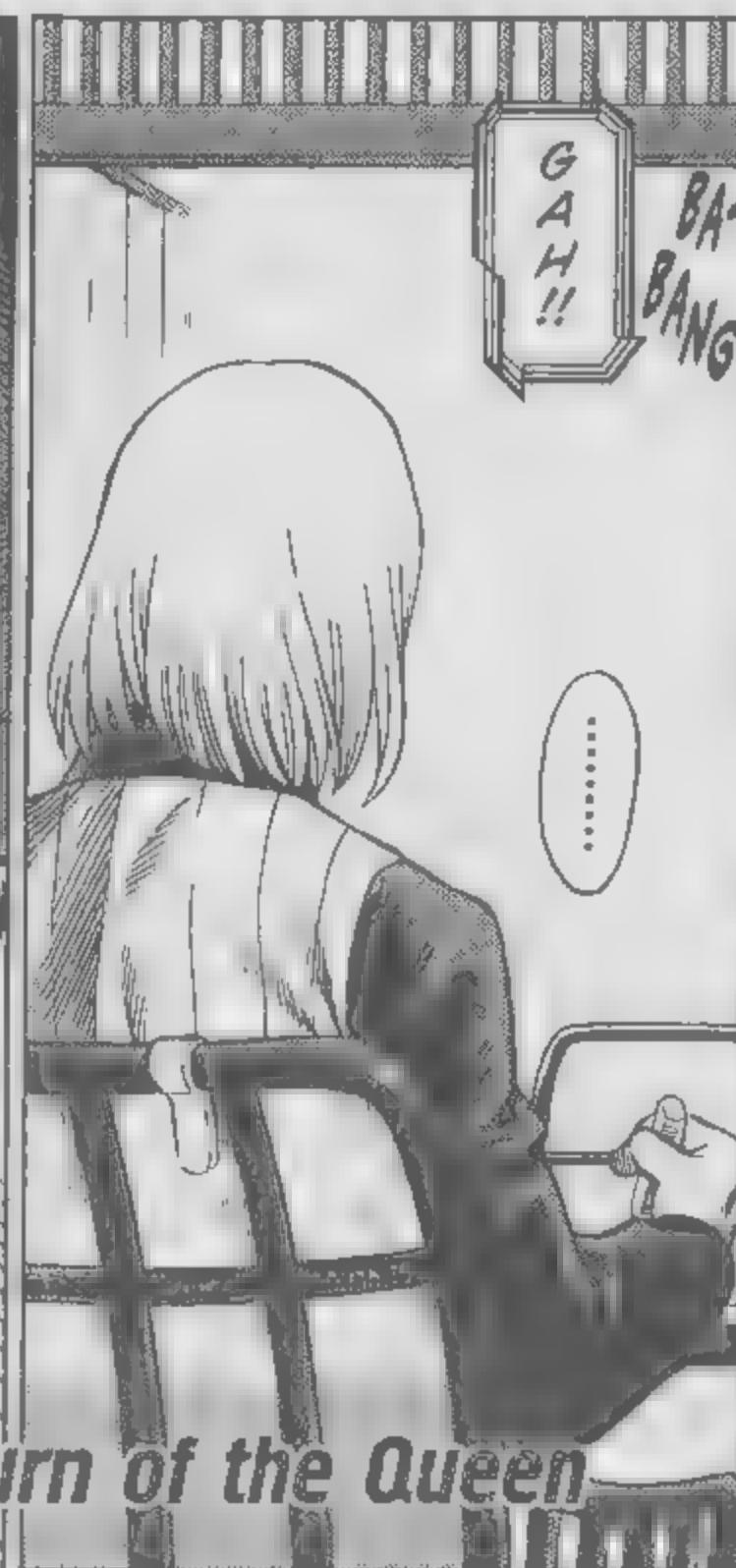
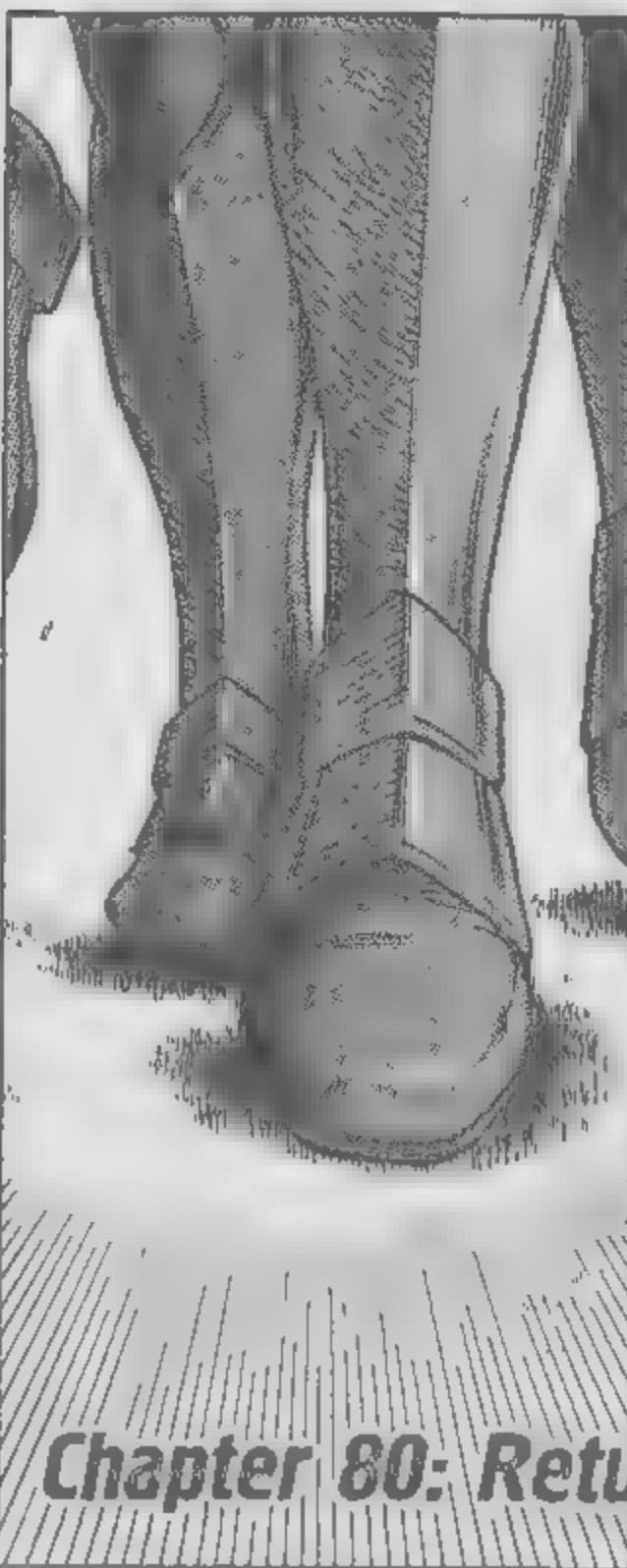
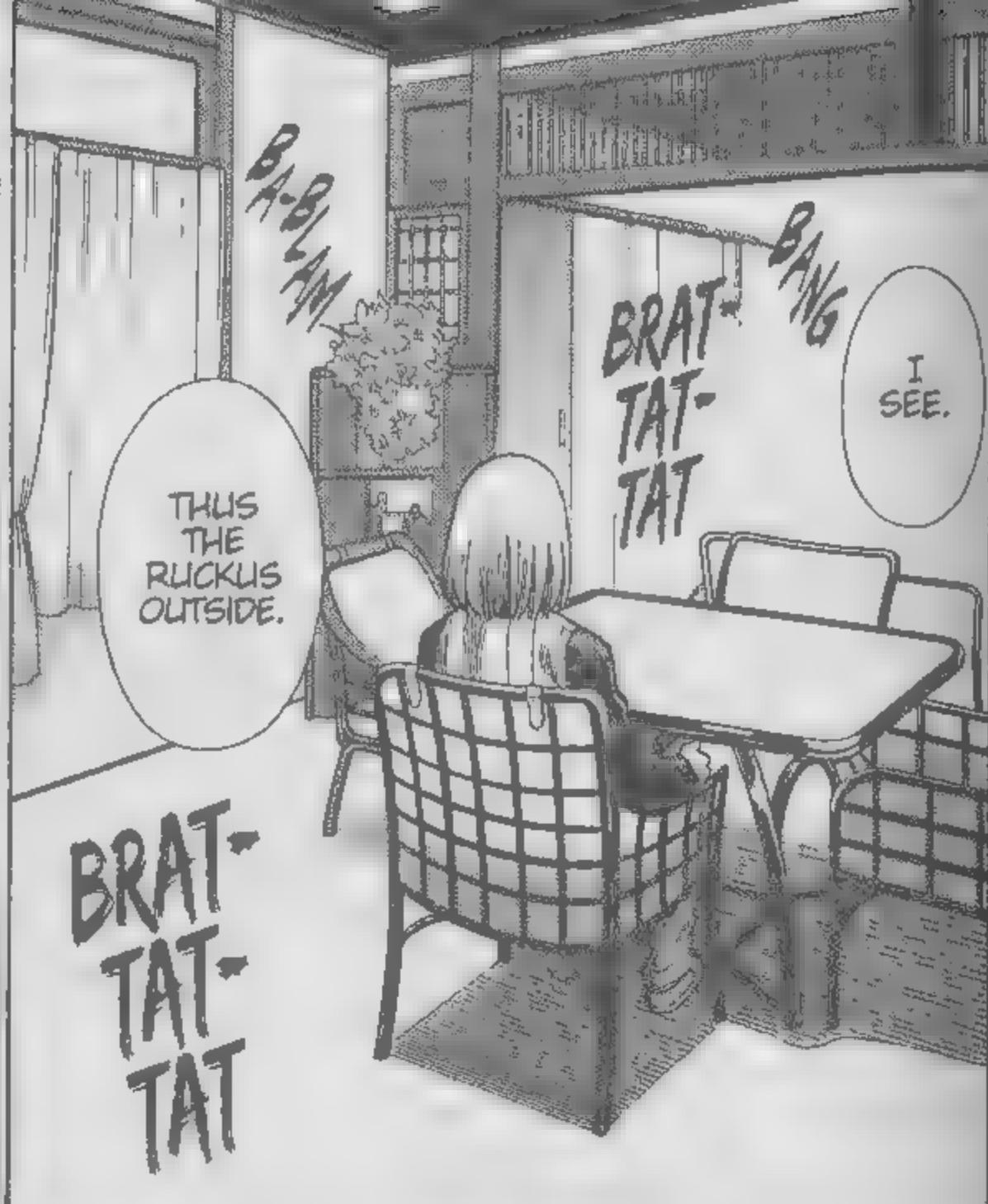




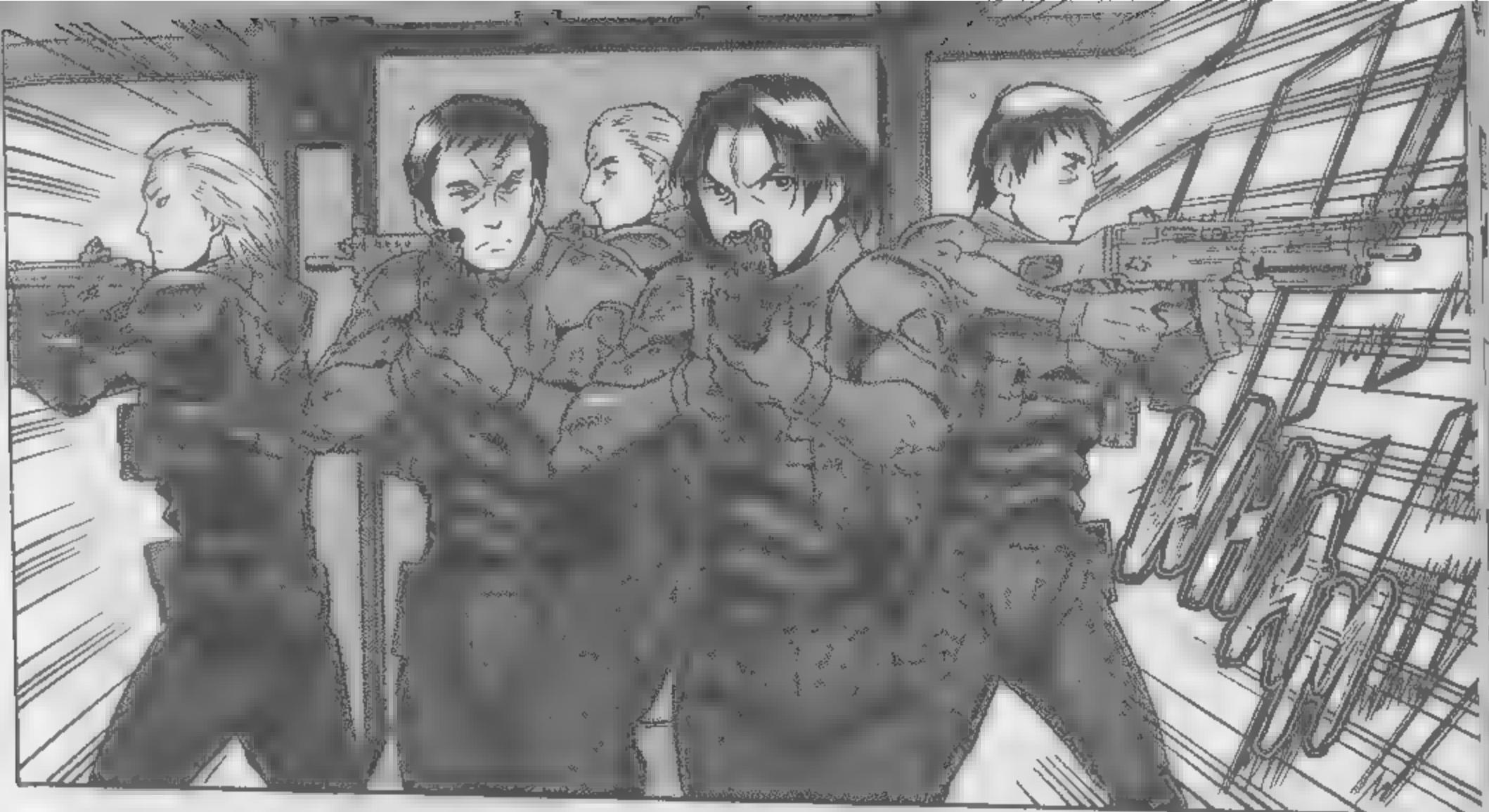
SAVING
THIS
COUNTRY
!!

WHAT
AM I
DOING?

I AM
DOING
WHAT
ANY CML
SERVANT
IN THEIR
RIGHT MIND
SHOULD
BE DOING.



Chapter 80: Return of the Queen





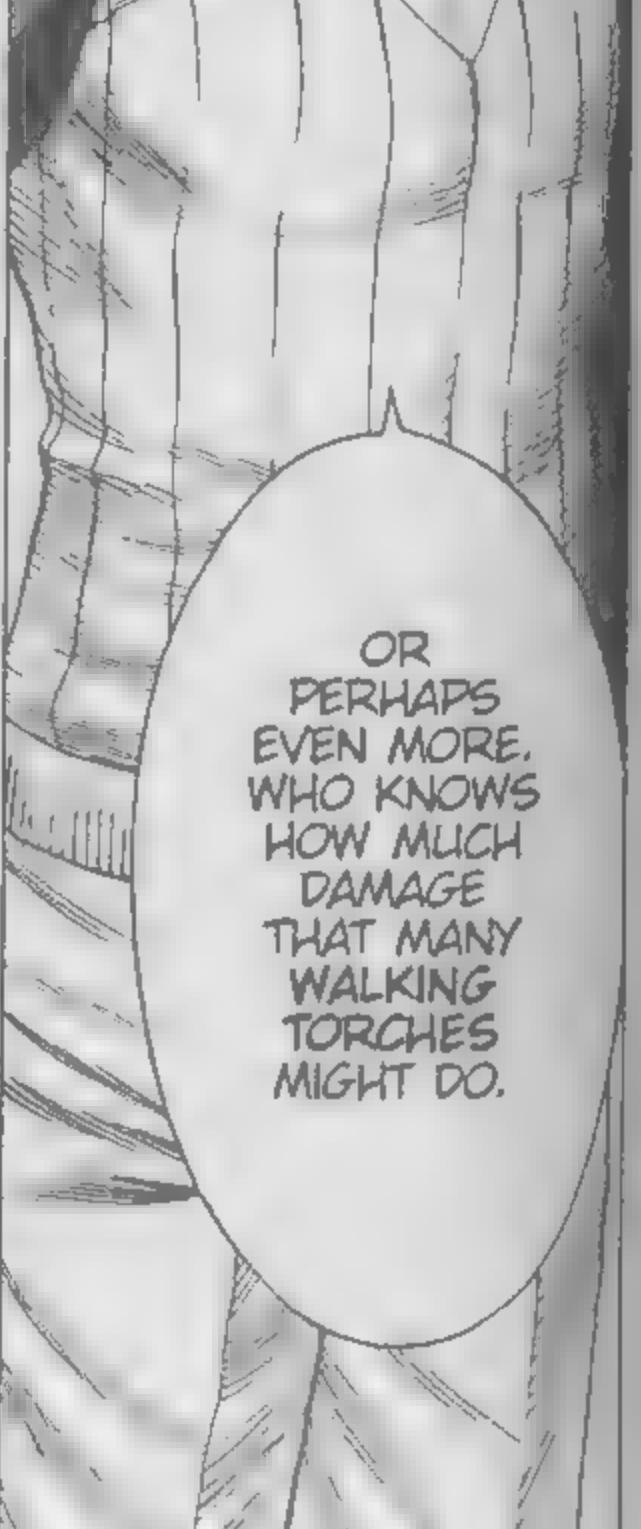
PLEASE
PASS IT
TO ME.

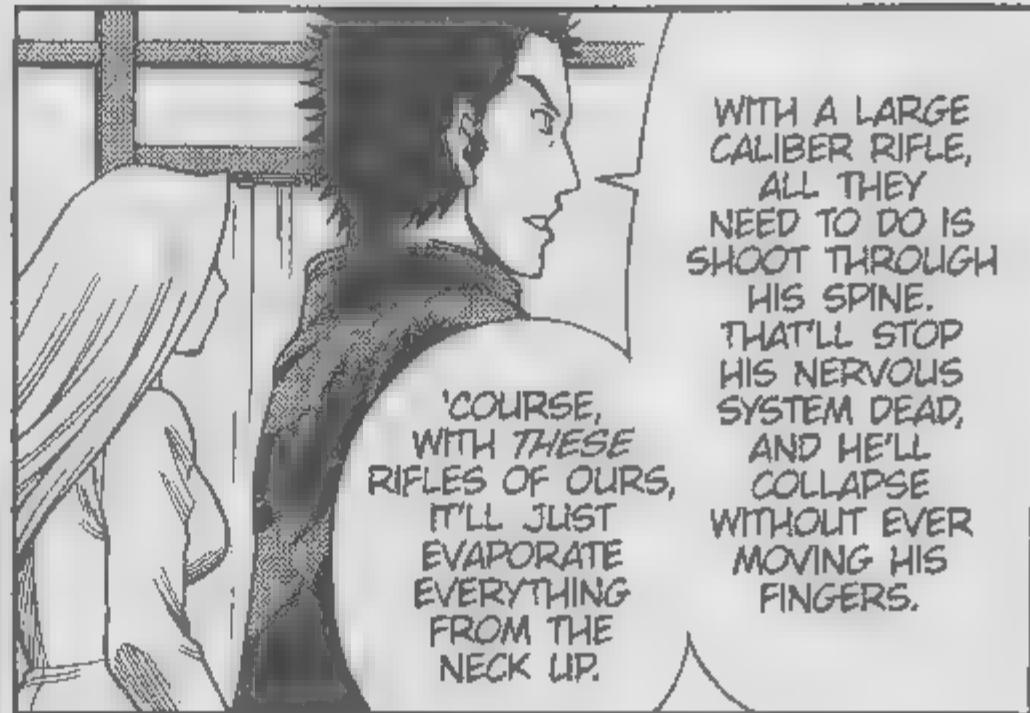
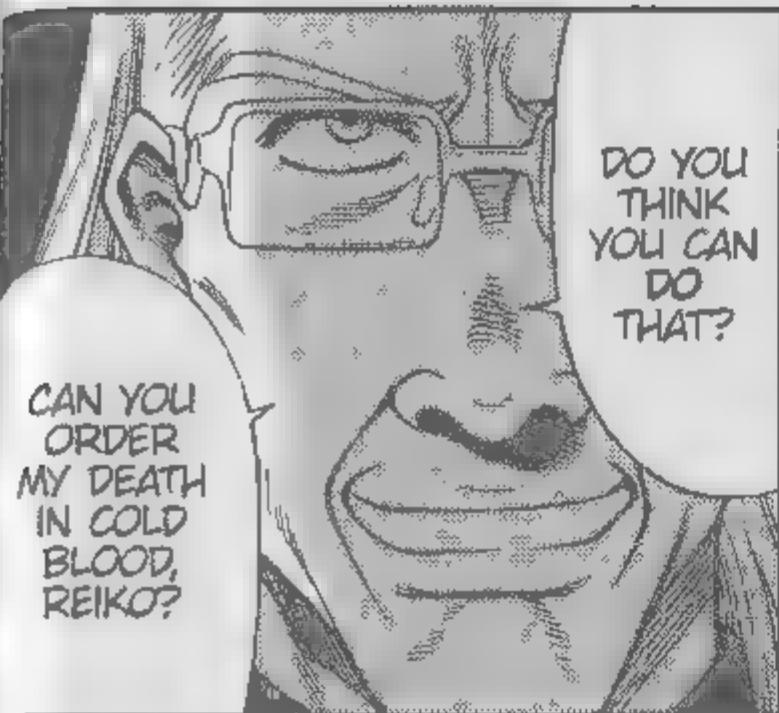
THAT
DEVICE
IN YOUR
HAND...



GRAND-
FATHER.

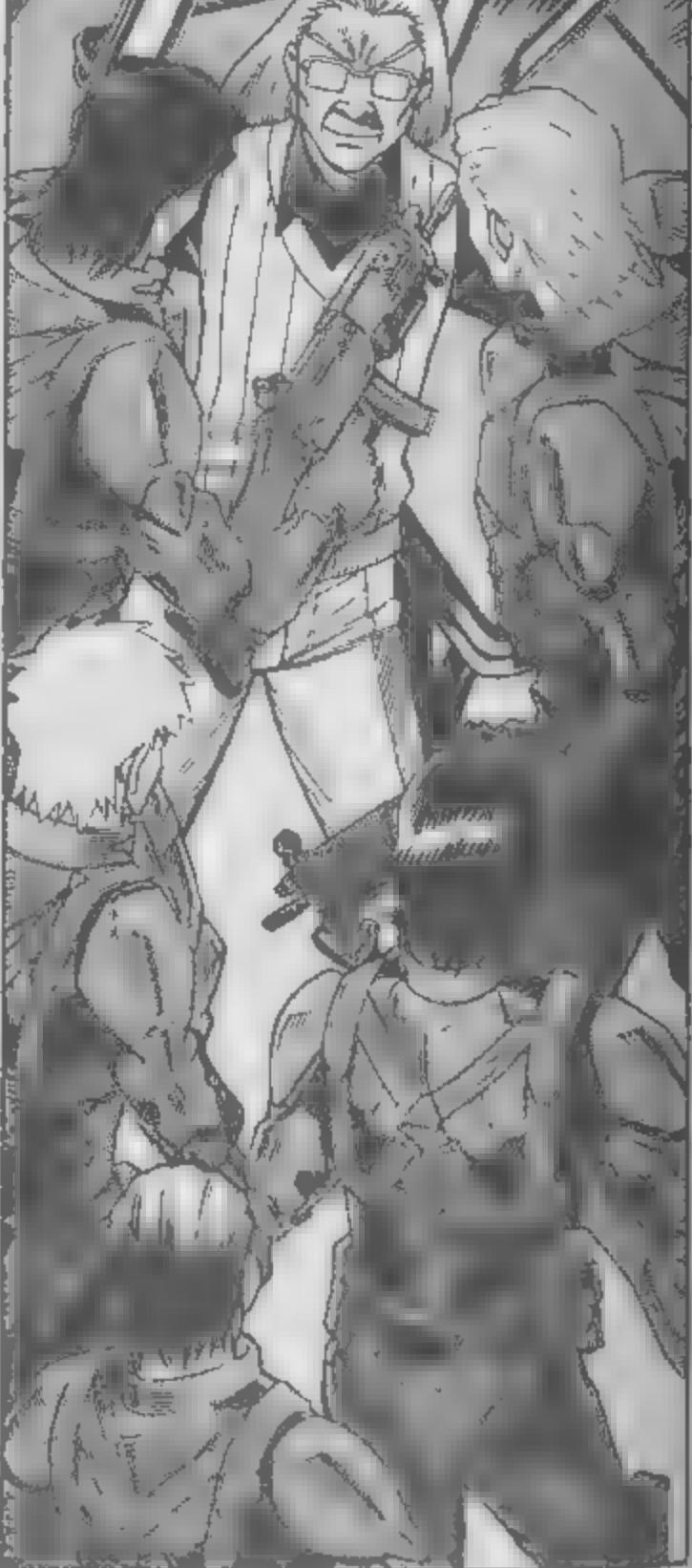
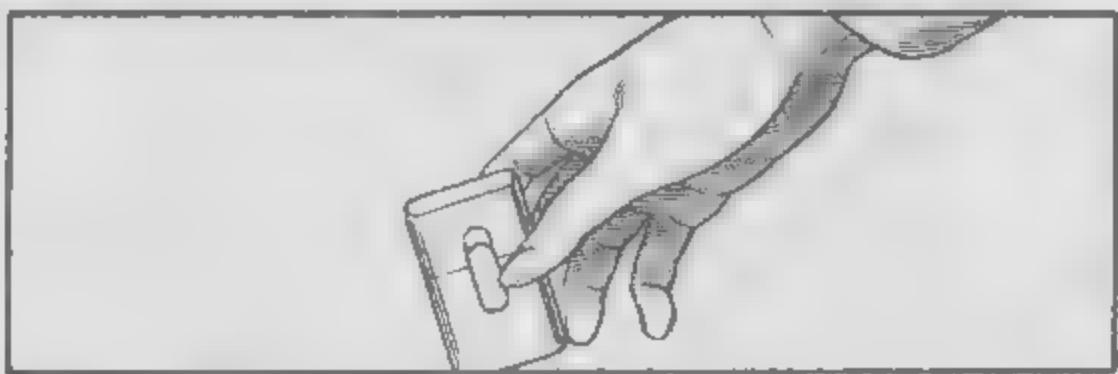






WITH A LARGE CALIBER RIFLE, ALL THEY NEED TO DO IS SHOOT THROUGH HIS SPINE. THAT'LL STOP HIS NERVOUS SYSTEM DEAD, AND HE'LL COLLAPSE WITHOUT EVER MOVING HIS FINGERS.









THE TIME
HAS COME
FOR ALL
WHO LIVE
HERE TO
MAKE A
CHOICE.

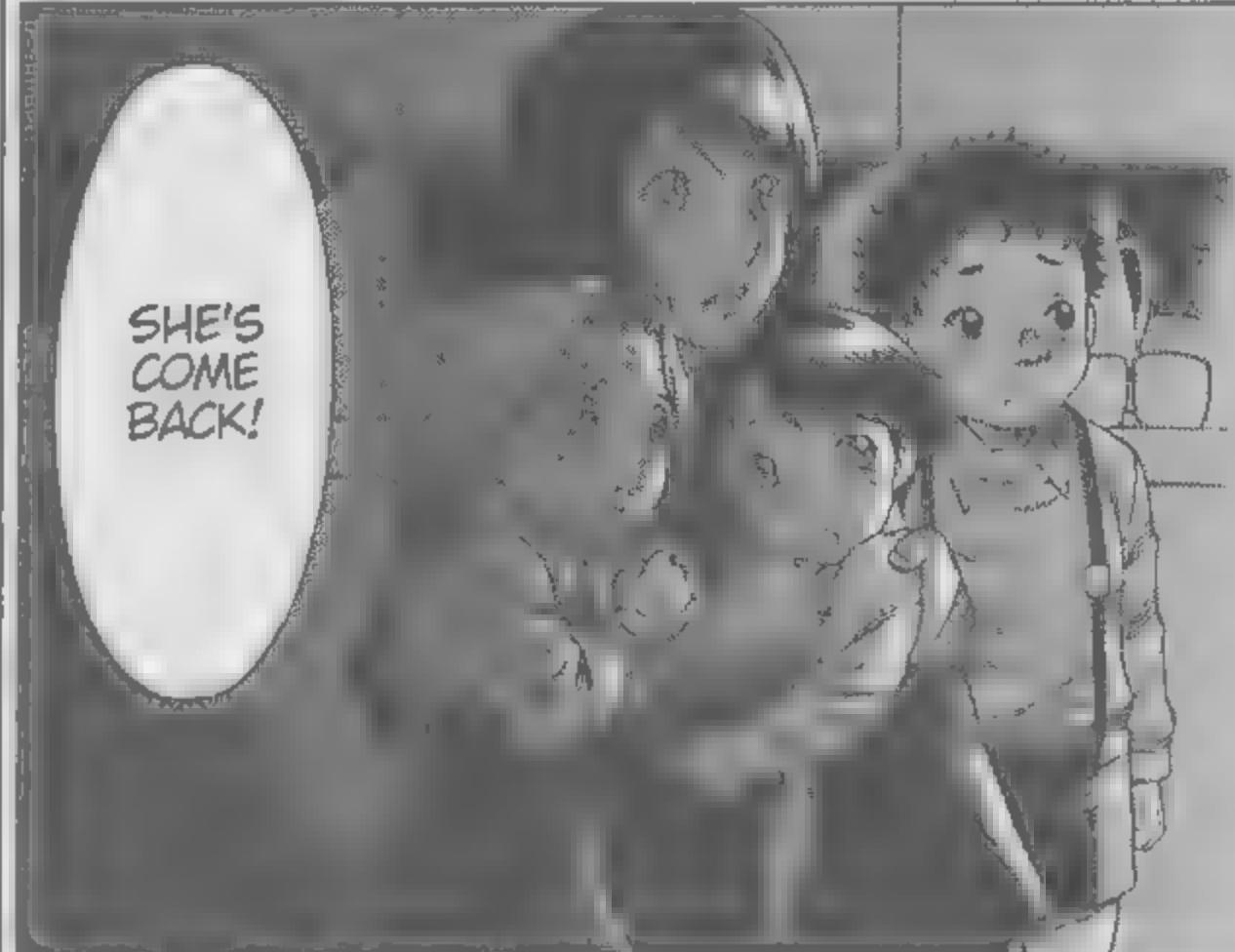


IT'S
HER
MAJES-
TY!



TO WHICH
OF THE TWO
PRINCESSES
WILL THEY
PLEDGE
THEIR
LOYALTY?

SHE'S
COME
BACK!



ASK
YOUR
HEART...

AKIRA
ONCE
ASKED ME
SOMETHING
VERY
SIMILAR.

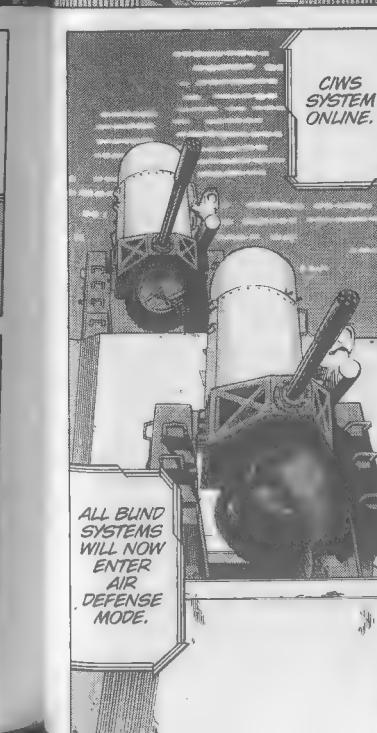
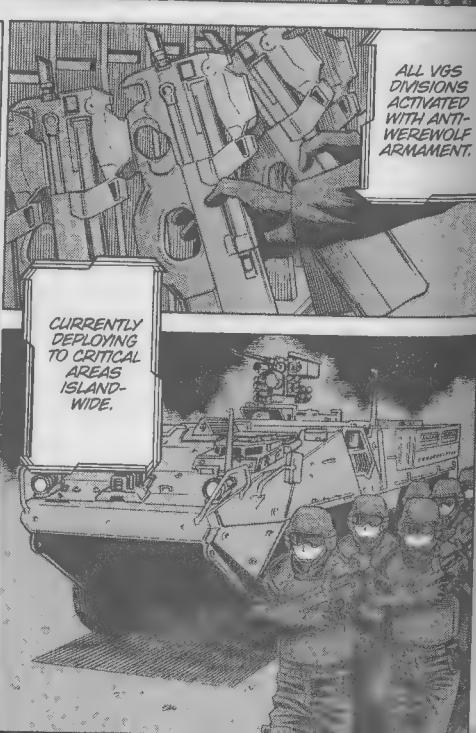
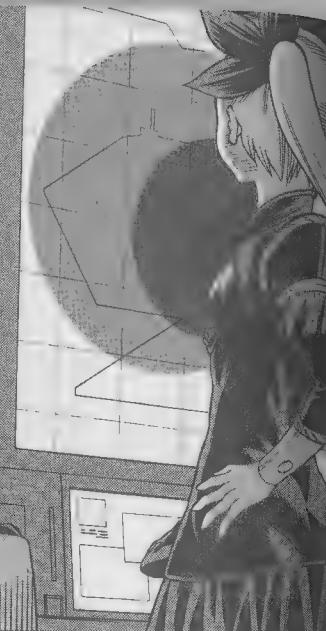
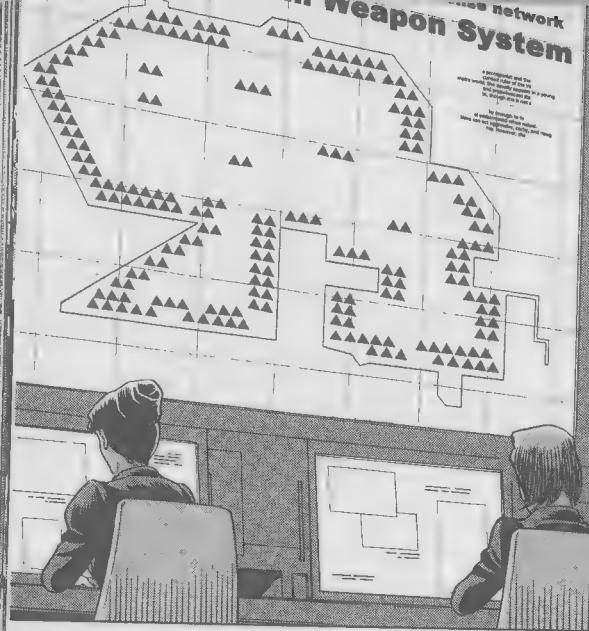
I...
DON'T
KNOW.

VERA-
DONO.

ALLOW
ME TO
GIVE
YOU THE
SAME
ANSWER
THAT I
GAVE TO
HIM.

DE-
PLOR-
ABLE,
ISN'T
IT?

ME,
STRUCK
WITH SUCH
INDECISION.
HOW WILL
I BE ABLE
TO FACE
LUCREZIA-
SAMA IN THE
AFTERLIFE
NOW?



MY, MY. I HAD
THOUGHT YOU
WOULD BE
BUSY WITH
PREPARATIONS
FOR
MINA-HIME'S
ARRIVAL.



TK TK TK
I knew fro—



I knew from the start that
Hime-sama would come back.

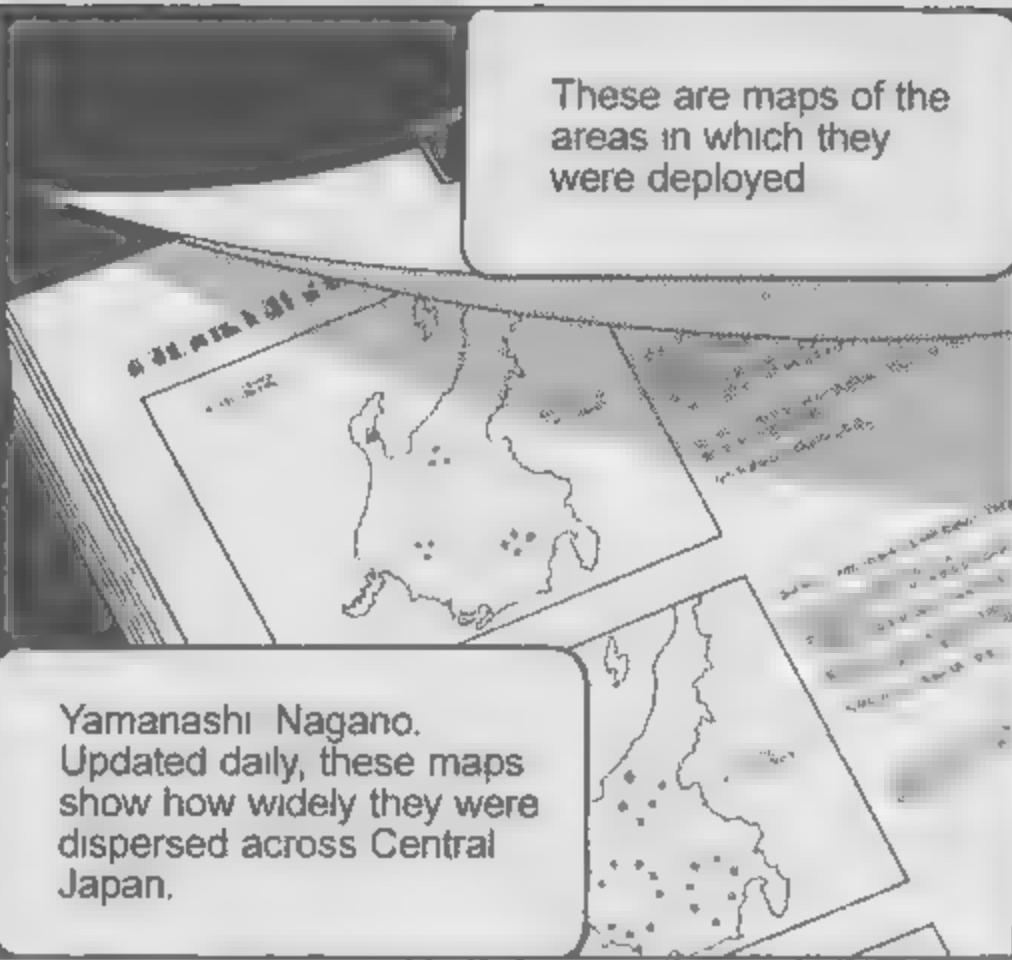
I knew from the start that
Hime-sama would come back.

These are preparations for
what we need to do after
she's returned

These are preparations for
what we need to do after

HOW
STRANGE
TO FIND
YOU
BURIED
IN RE-
SEARCH.

AFTER
HER
RETURN
...

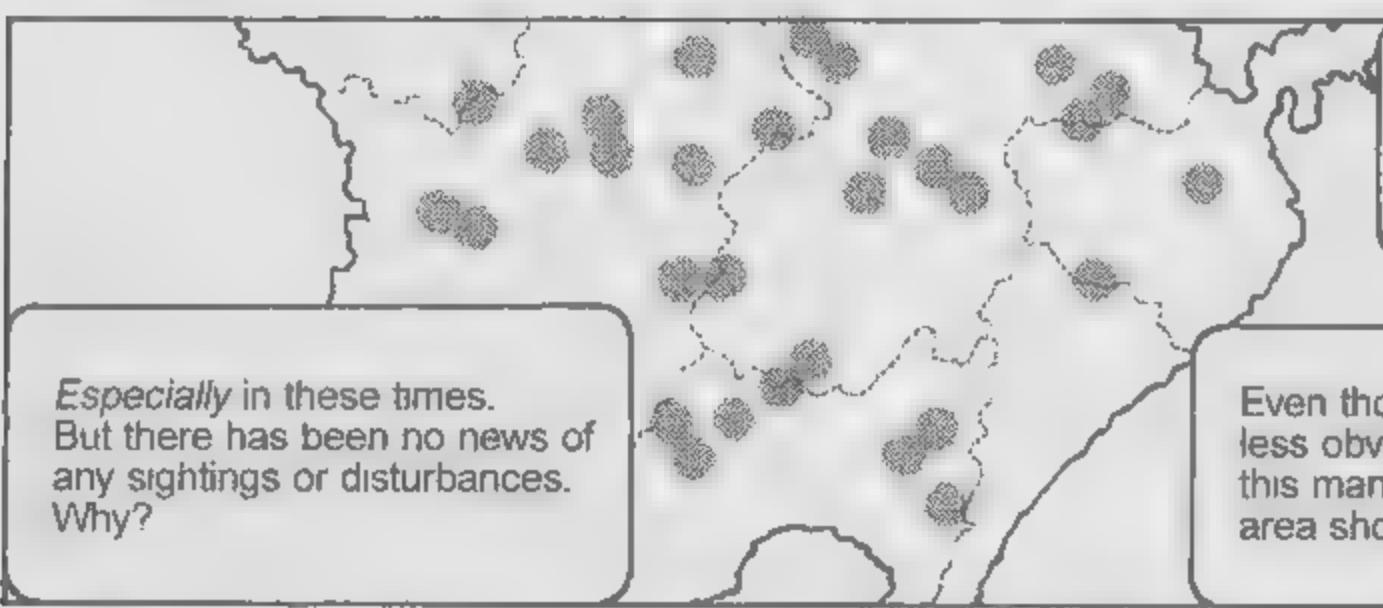


These are maps of the areas in which they were deployed

Yamanashi Nagano.
Updated daily, these maps show how widely they were dispersed across Central Japan.

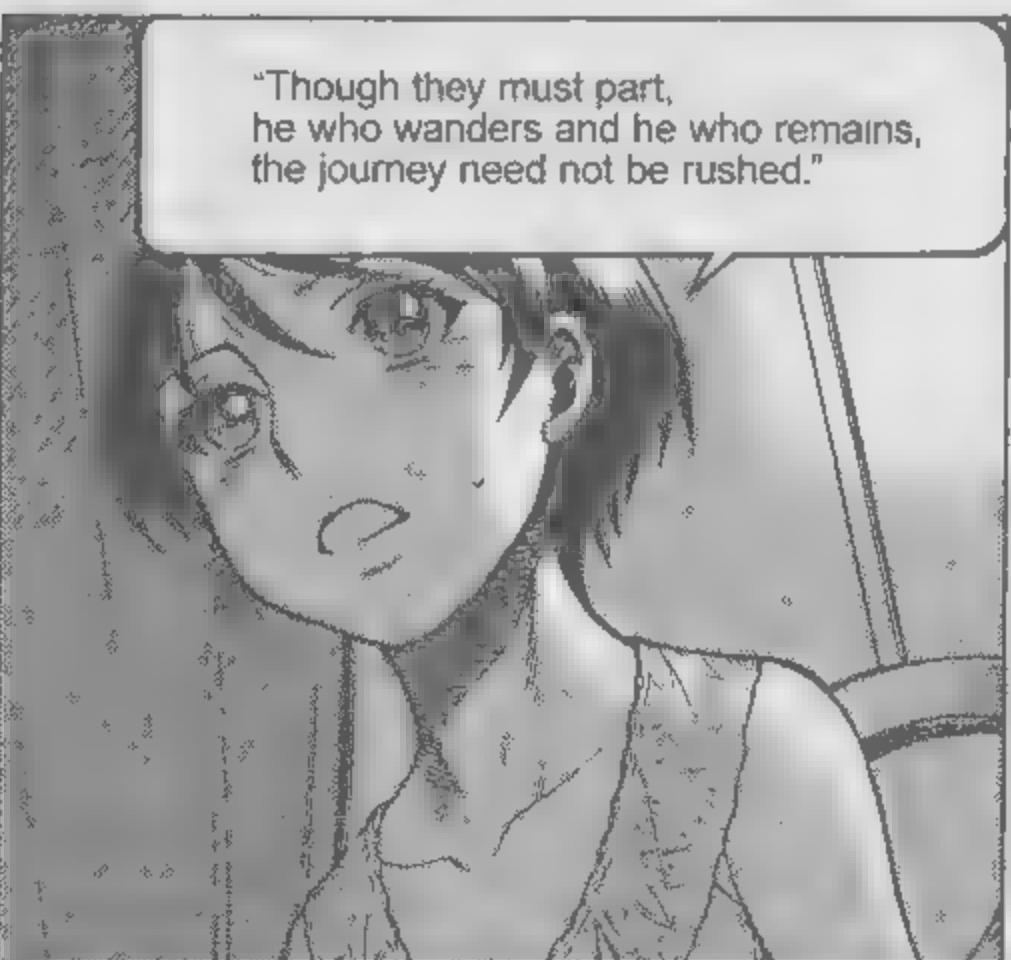


Yes. The day after Akira-kun escaped, approximately 3,000 Fangless were led from the Bund, only to vanish.



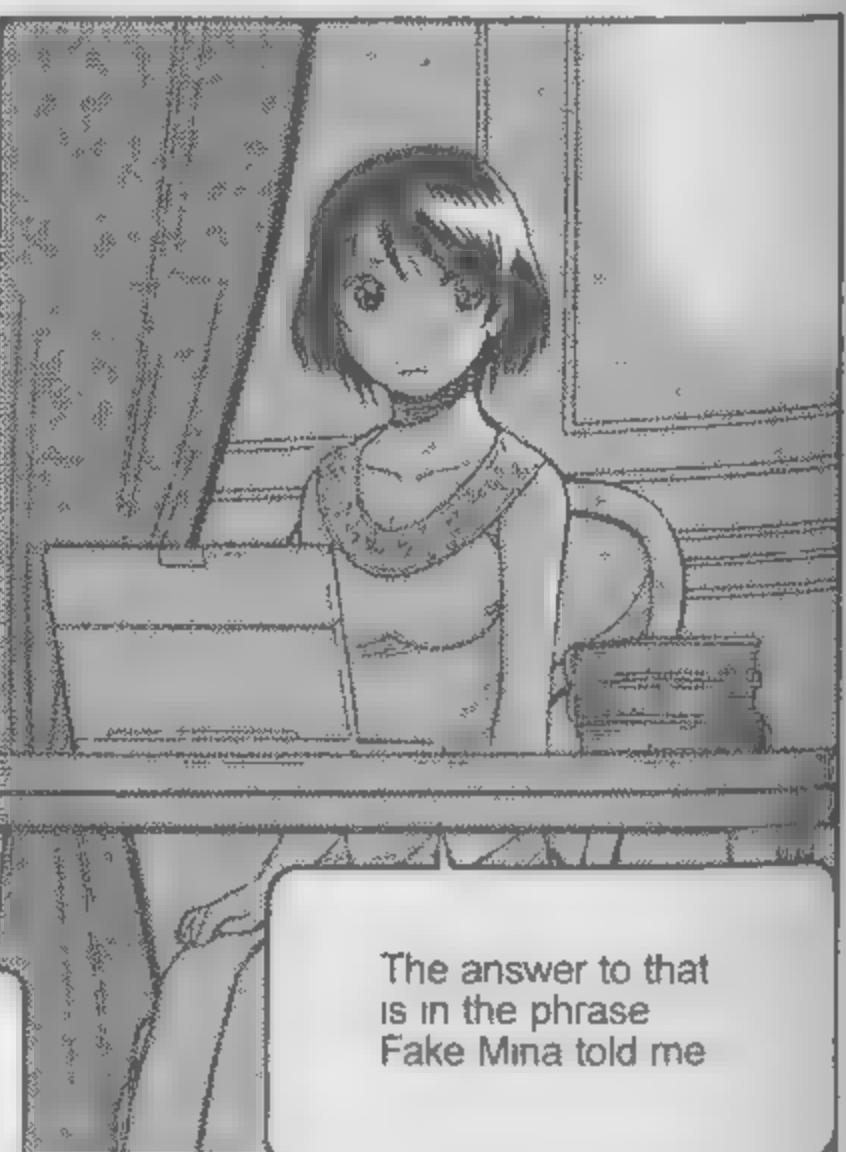
Especially in these times.
But there has been no news of any sightings or disturbances.
Why?

And they were not just in the mountains, but in villages and even cities.



"Though they must part,
he who wanders and he who remains,
the journey need not be rushed."

That is a line from the "Suwa Engi,"
a legend in the Shintoshu, which was
compiled in the mid-fourteenth century.



The answer to that
is in the phrase
Fake Mina told me

Yes, it is just a myth. Believed to have sprung from the Chinese story of the undersea palace of a dragon, it's considered the origin of the dragon god worshipped at the Suwa Grand Shrine.



But there are several things about it that struck me as odd.



THAT IS A SHINTO MYTH.

WHAT HAS THAT TO DO WITH ANYTHING ?

LONG AGO, KOGATSABURO, STEWARD OF TATESHINA, HAD REASON TO ENTER A CAVE HIDDEN IN THE MOUNTAIN WILDS OF MT. FUJI.



AT THE END OF HIS JOURNEY, HE FINALLY RETURNED TO THE SURFACE WORLD...

KNOWING NEITHER AGE NOR EXHAUSTION, KOGATSABURO TRAVELED THROUGHOUT ALL OF THE SEVENTY UNDERGROUND KINGDOMS.



ONLY TO DISCOVER THAT HIS BODY HAD TRANSFORMED INTO THAT OF A GIANT SERPENT.

A man transformed into a dragon.

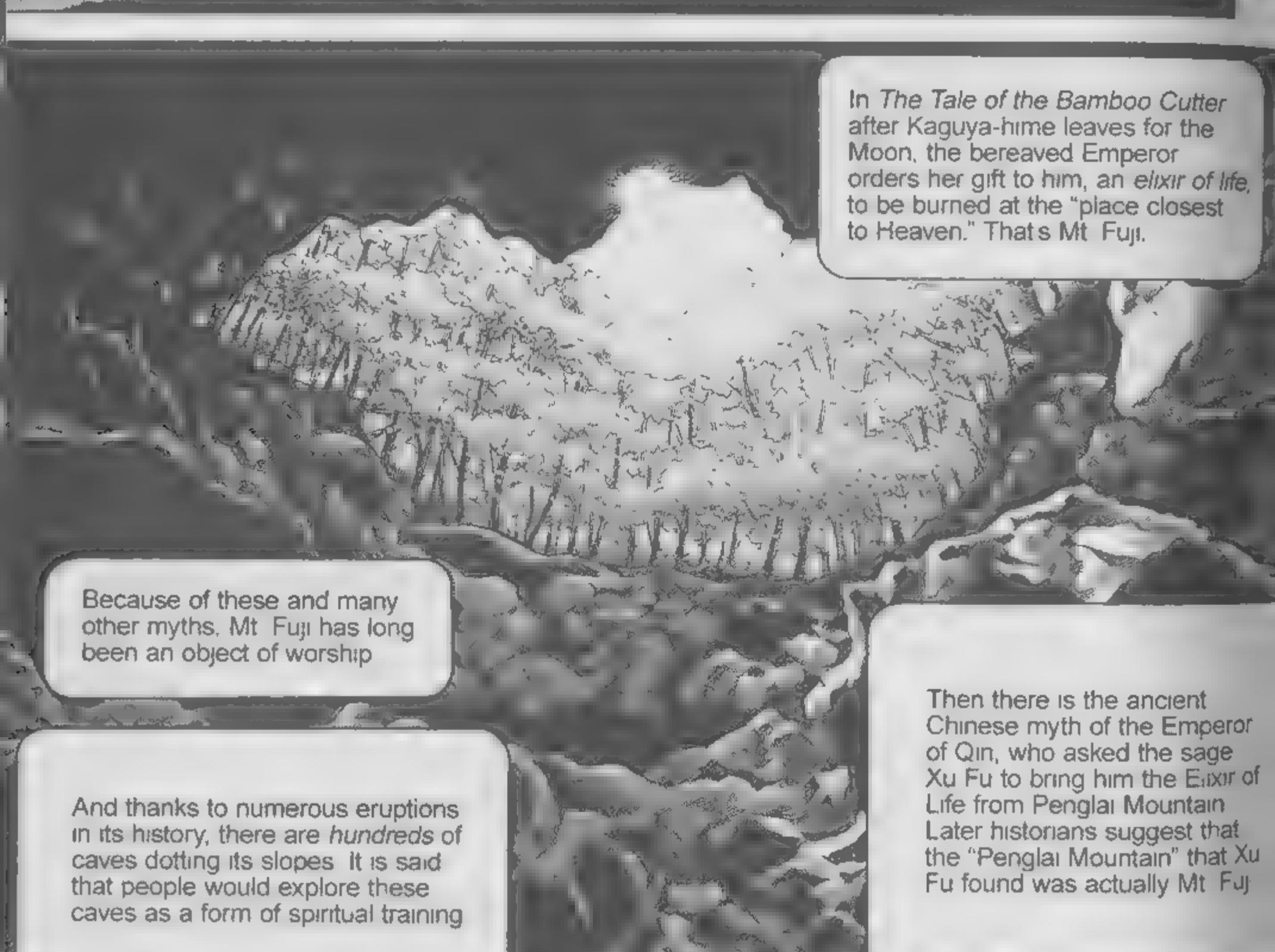
What does this remind you of?





Central Japan has dozens, if not hundreds of myths involving immortality.

Then there is Mt. Fuji itself



In *The Tale of the Bamboo Cutter* after Kaguya-hime leaves for the Moon, the bereaved Emperor orders her gift to him, an elixir of life, to be burned at the "place closest to Heaven." That's Mt. Fuji.

Because of these and many other myths, Mt. Fuji has long been an object of worship



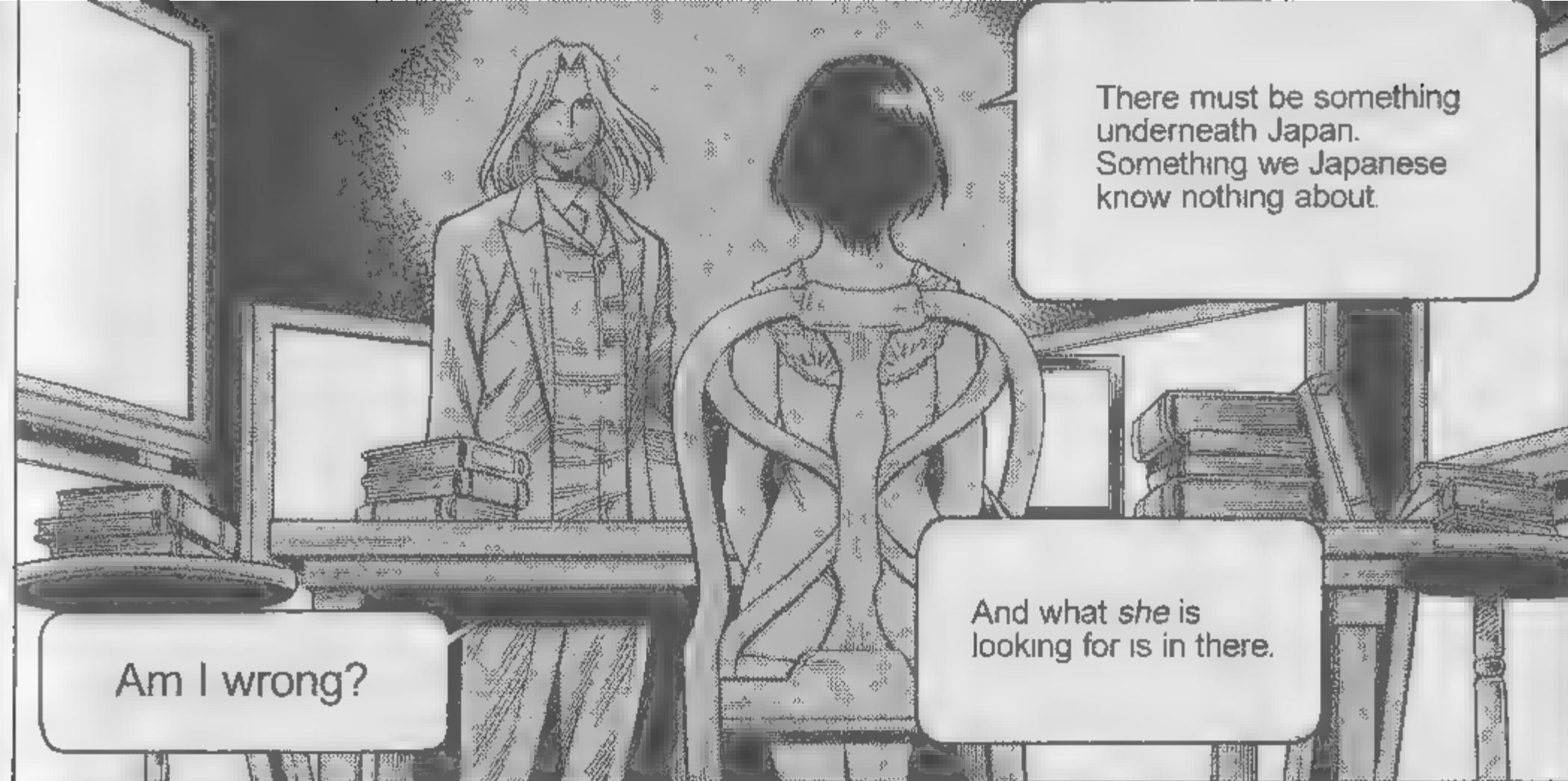
And thanks to numerous eruptions in its history, there are hundreds of caves dotting its slopes. It is said that people would explore these caves as a form of spiritual training

Then there is the ancient Chinese myth of the Emperor of Qin, who asked the sage Xu Fu to bring him the Elixir of Life from Penglai Mountain. Later historians suggest that the "Penglai Mountain" that Xu Fu found was actually Mt. Fuji.



these stories seem to point at a wide belief that something under Mt. Fuji will give people immortality!

Taken as a whole





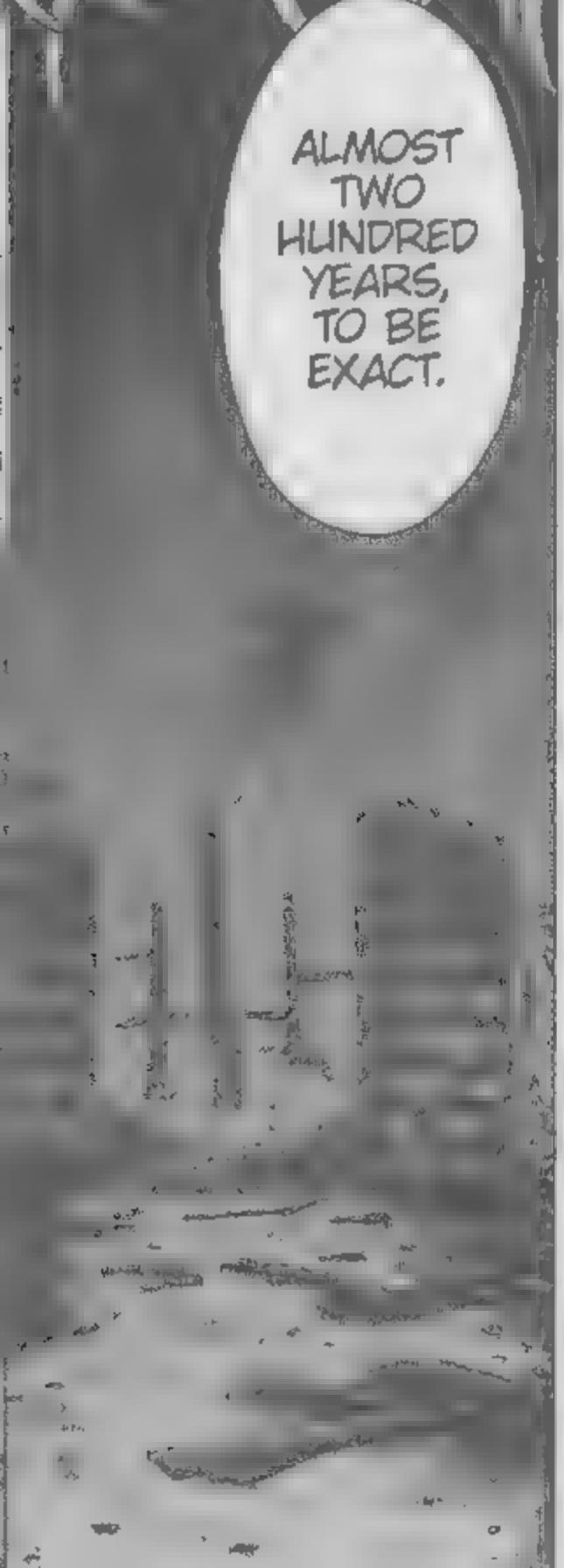
BUT
THAT
WAS A
LONG
TIME
AGO...



YOU BELIEVE
ABSOLUTELY
THAT HIME-
SAMA WILL
RETURN,
AND ALL
YOU HAVE
TO DO IS
WAIT FOR
HER.



HUUH.
NO
DOUBT
AT ALL,
EH?
YOUR
EYES
HOLD
NONE.



ALMOST
TWO
HUNDRED
YEARS,
TO BE
EXACT.



LOOKING
AT YOU HAS
REMINDED
ME THAT
ONCE, I TOO
WAS AS
DOUBTLESS
AS YOU.



I
SHOULD
THANK
YOU, I
GUESS.



BUT, ONE YEAR OF SEARCHING BECAME TWO, BECAME FIVE, TEN, FIFTEEN. TIME FLEW BY, TAUNTING US, WITH ITS PASSAGE, AS HOPE TURNED INTO A DESPAIR THAT GNAWED AT OUR HEARTS.

MY FATHER AND I SEARCHED FOR HER MAJESTY EVERYWHERE, OUR NOSES TO THE DIRT ALMOST, LIKE DOGS.

THE PROMISE HER MAJESTY MADE WITH ME ON A WHIM.

ONLY ONE THING KEPT MINE FROM BREAKING COMPLETELY.

"IT WILL BE OUR PROMISE, THEN."

AT THE TIME SHE WAS IN THE CARE OF AN OLD WOMAN, LIVING DEEP IN THE FORESTS OF NORTHERN FRANCE.

HER MAJESTY WAS BEING HIDDEN BY BENEVOLENT HUMANS, MOVING FROM ONE HOME TO THE NEXT, ATTEMPTING TO AVOID ANY RISK OF CAPTURE.

THEN ONE DAY, WE RECEIVED NEWS OF HER MAJESTY'S WHEREABOUTS FROM AN UNEXPECTED SOURCE.

ONE OF MY FATHER'S AGENTS HAD INFILTRATED ROZENMANN'S CLAN AS A SPY, AND HE GAVE HIS LIFE BRINGING US THE NEWS.

YOU SEE, ROZENMANN WAS TURNING EUROPE INSIDE OUT AS WELL, LOOKING FOR HER MAJESTY. IT SEEMS HE HAD MORE LUCK.

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THIS IS
HOW THE
LORDS OF
BORGIANI
DIE!!

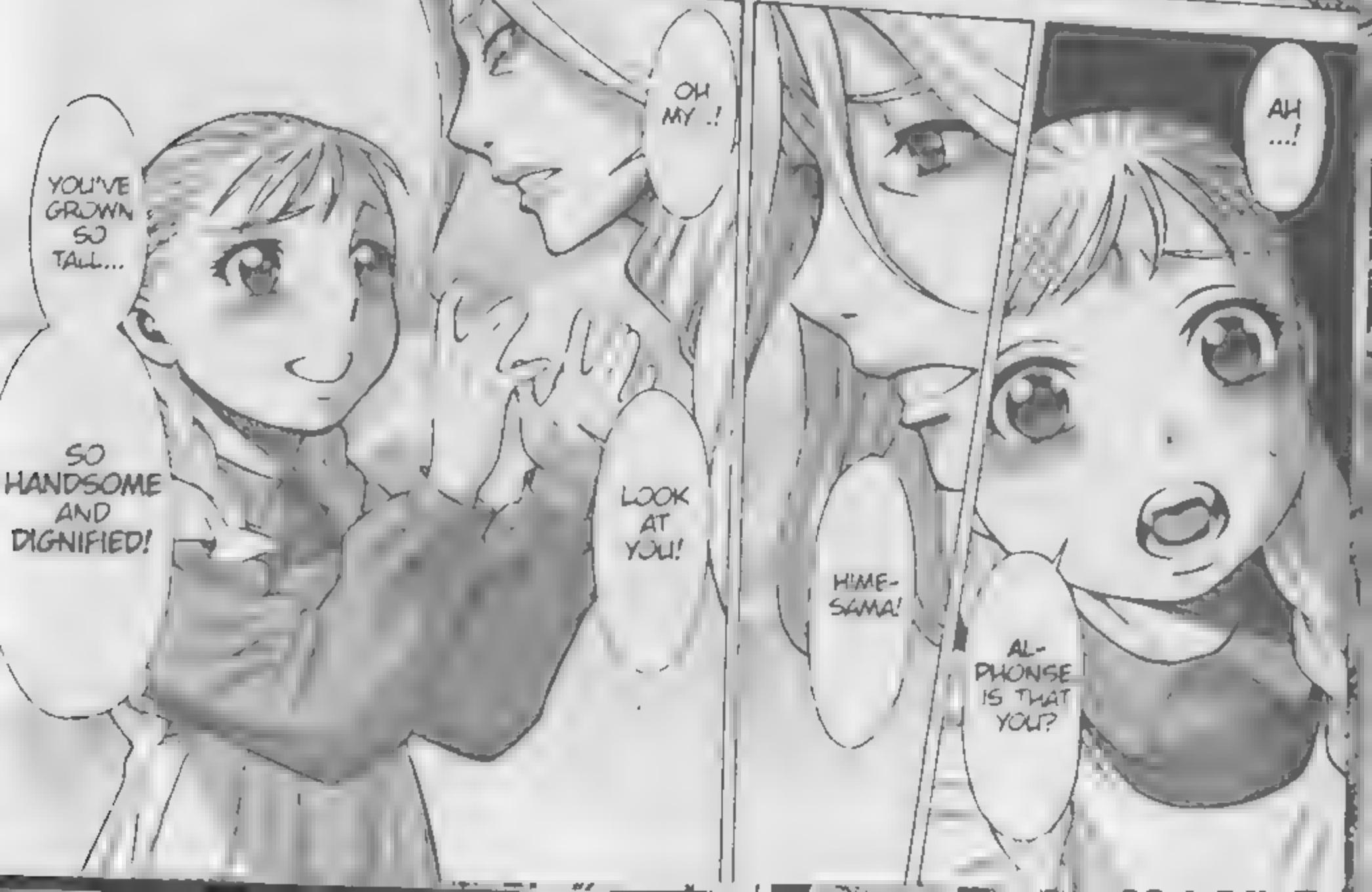
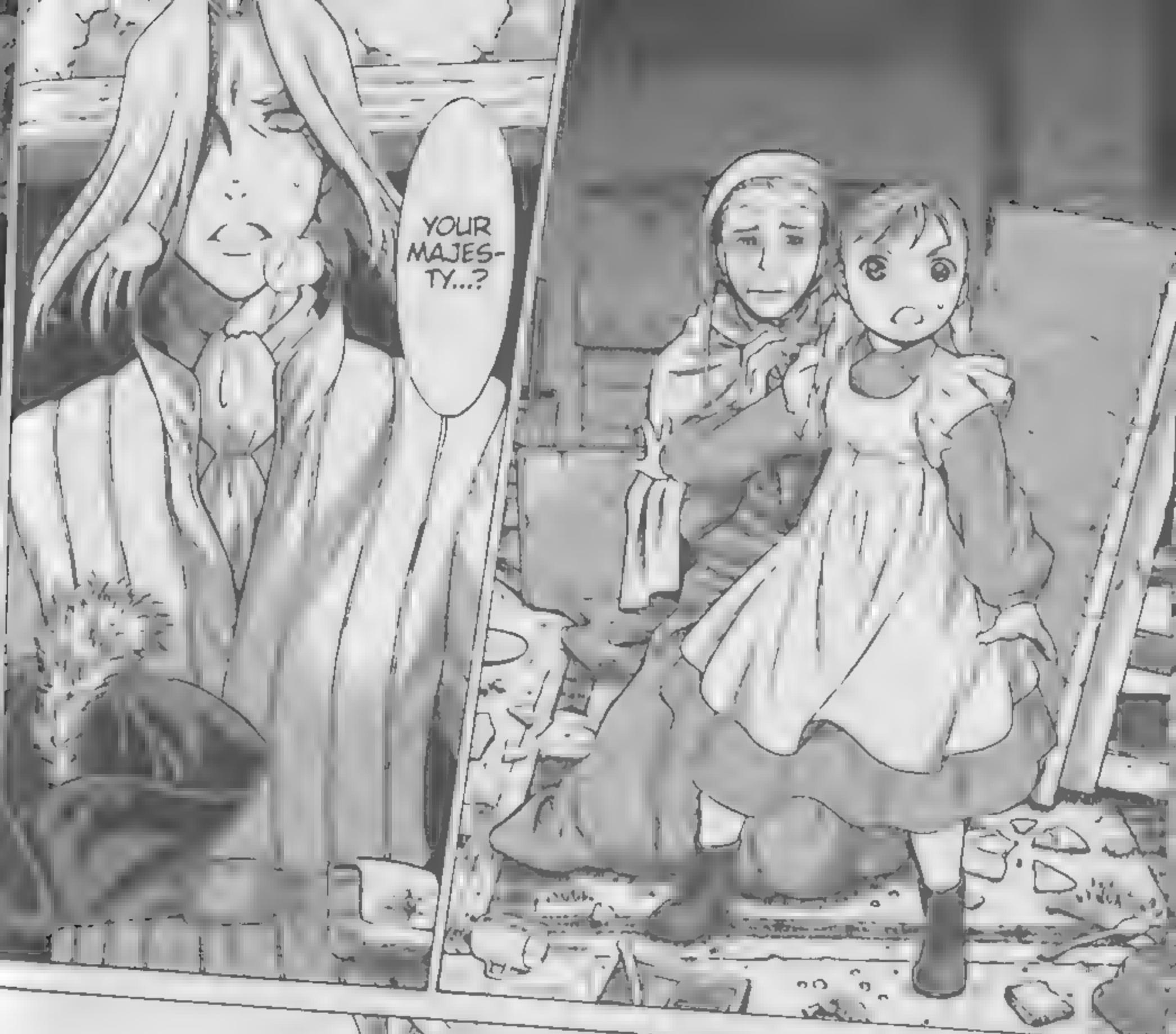
ENGRAVE
THIS
SIGHT
UPON
YOUR
SOUL,
MY SON!



YOUR
MAJES-
TY!

DAMN
IT!

FATHER!!

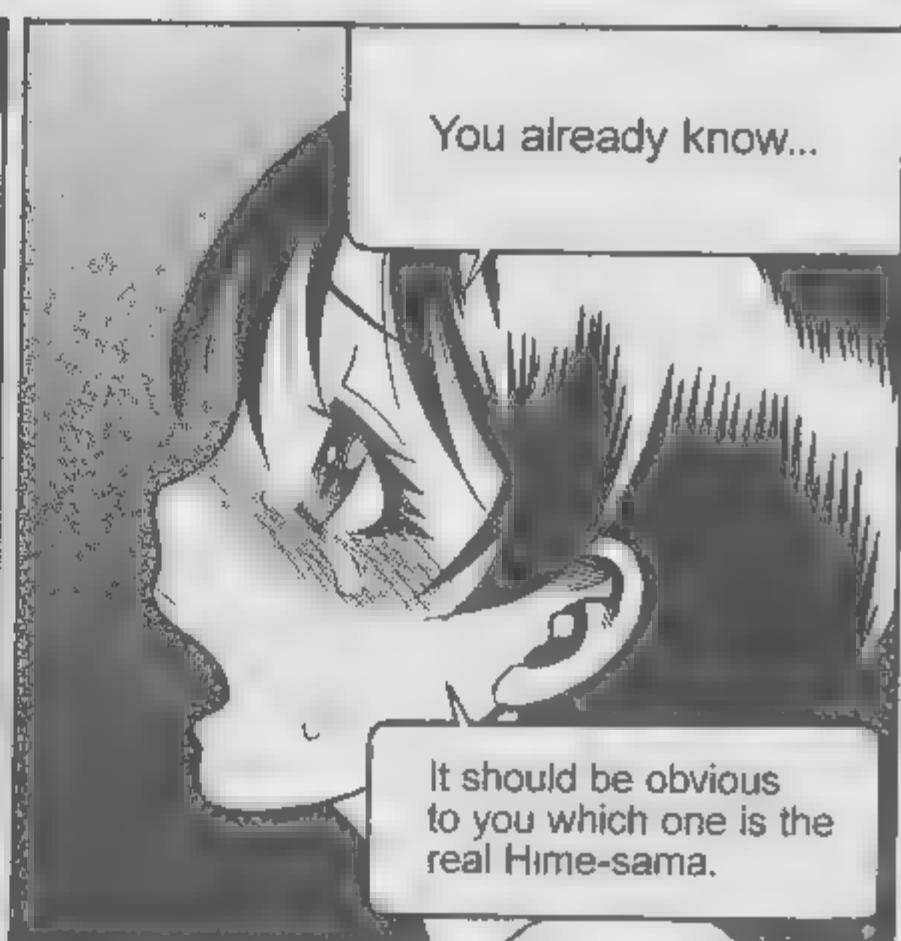
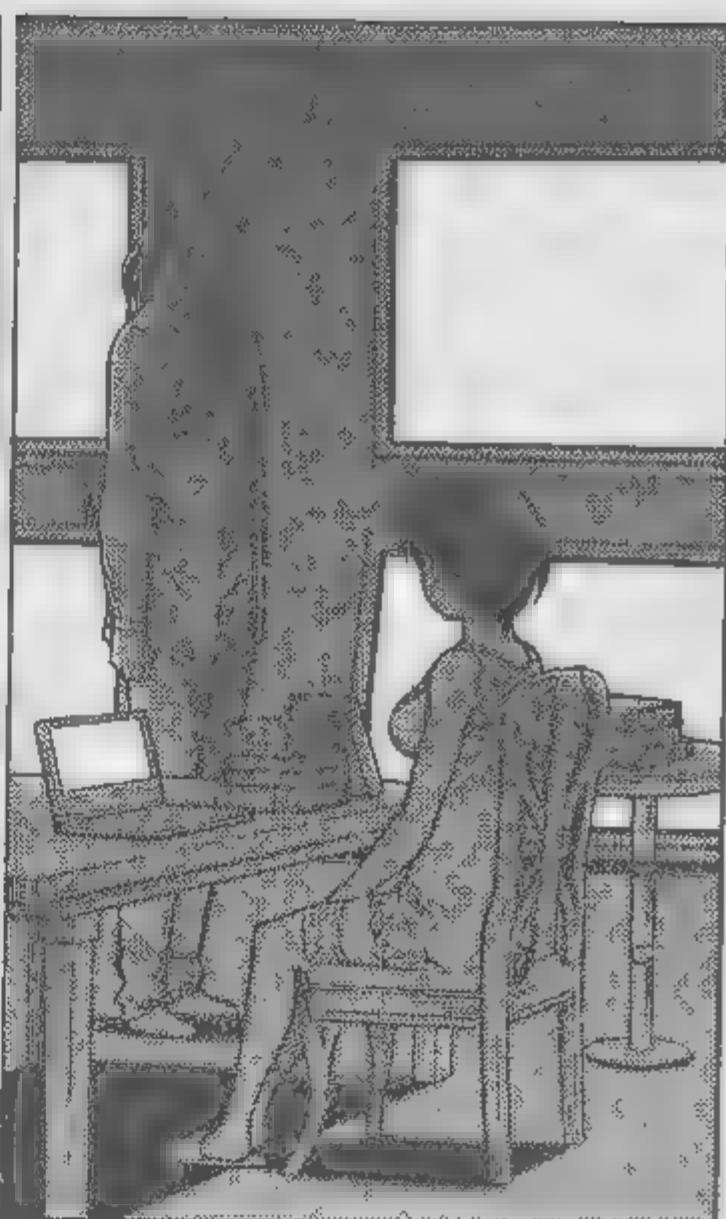




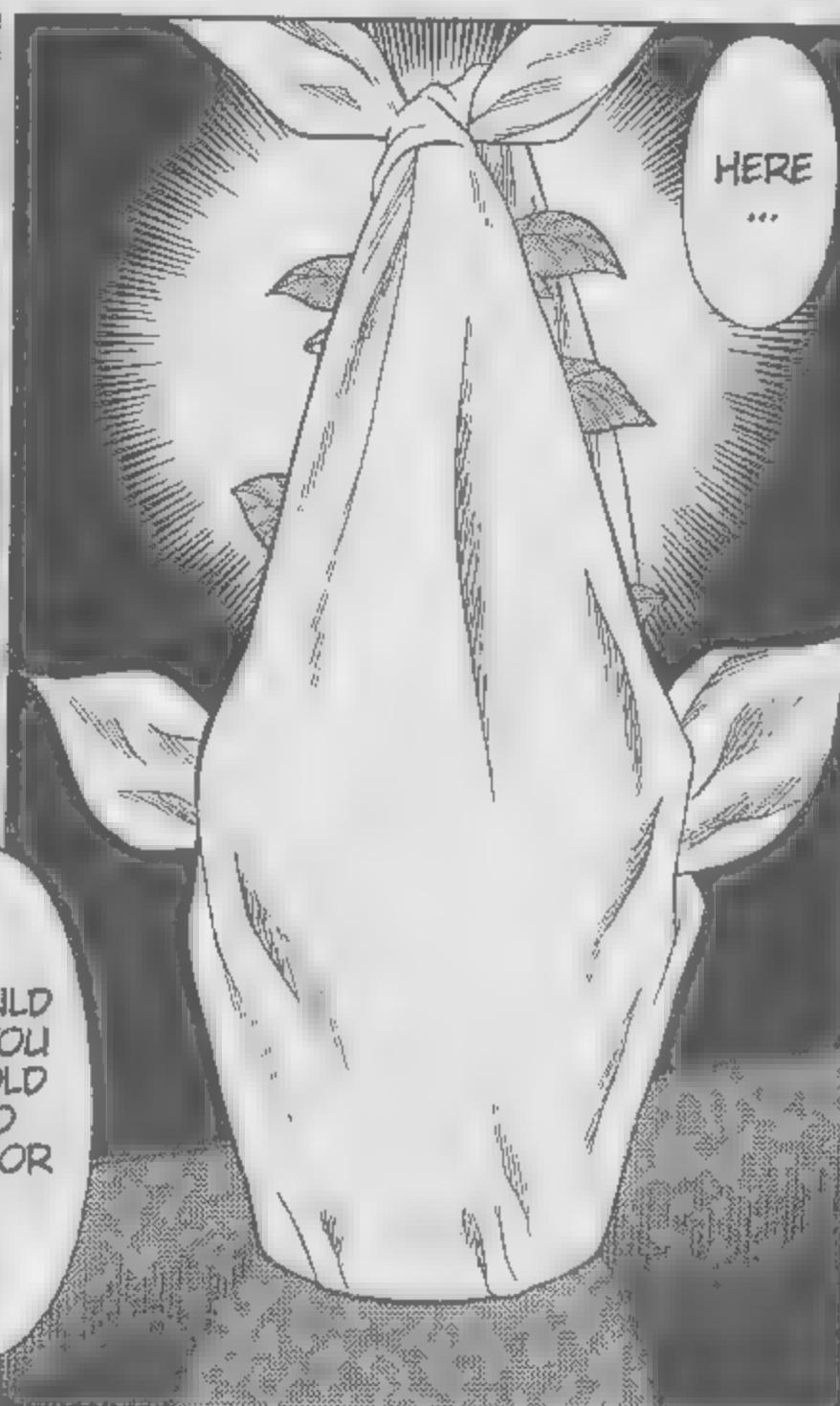
LEAVE
THIS
TO
ME!

I WILL
PROTECT
YOU,
EVEN
IF IT
MEANS
MY
LIFE!!

HIME-
SAMA
STEP
BACK!







特区監督廳臨時指揮所

SPECIAL
DISTRICT
POLICE
TEMPORARY
HQ

WE SHOVED AS MANY OF THEM INTO THAT NARROW TUNNEL AS WE COULD, AND THEY'RE MAKING A WHOLE HELLVA LOTTA NOISE.

AND THAT'S WHAT WE WANT. THE MORE EYE-GRABBING THEY ARE, THE BETTER.

TWEN-
TY
MIN-
UTES.

HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE BEOWULF BEGAN FIGHTING?

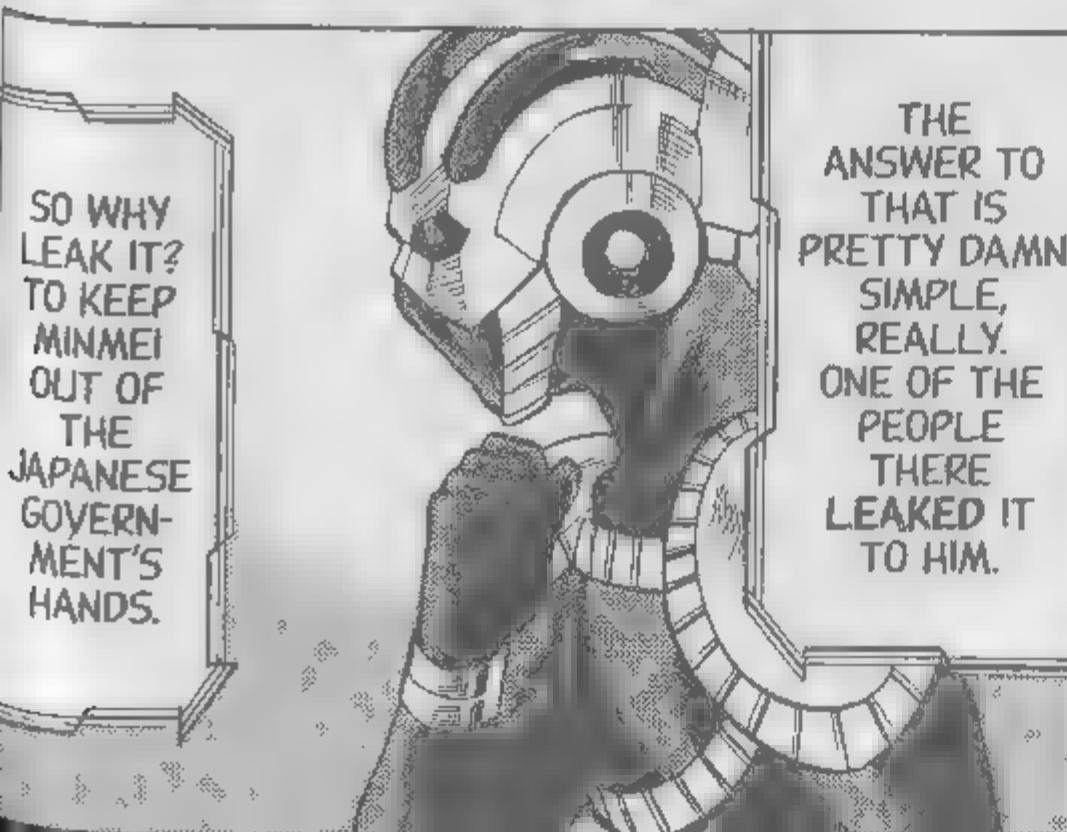
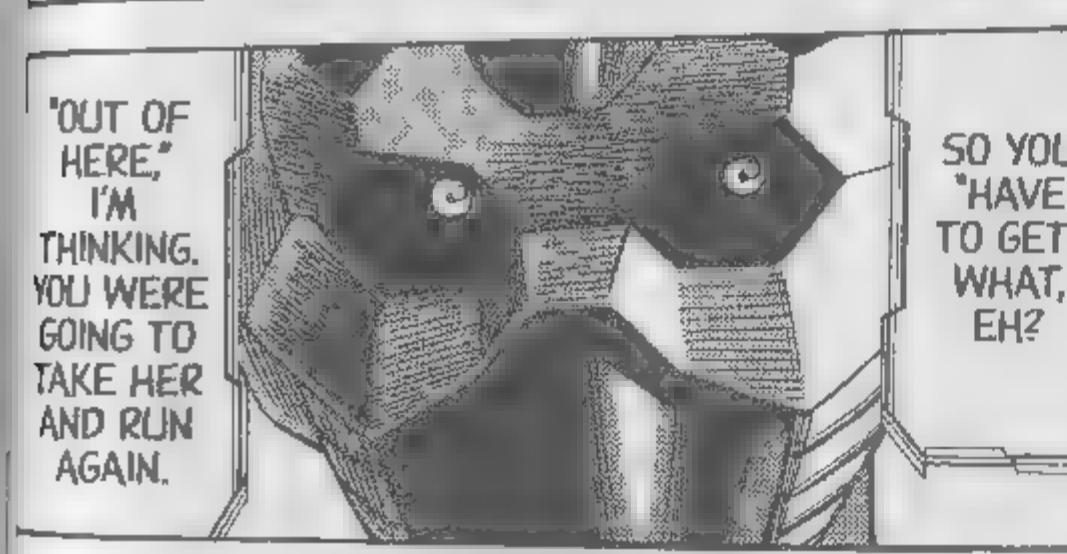
NOT ONE DAMN THING.

WHAT HAVE WE HEARD FROM MINA-HIME?

HAVE TO BE REAL CAREFUL OF LEAKS IN THIS SITUATION...

THERE'S NO TELLING WHERE ENEMY AGENTS ARE HIDING, AND WHOSE FACE THEY'RE WEARING, Y'KNOW.





THIS LEAK
WASN'T
AT ALL
EXPECTING
SOMEONE
AS BIG AS
COUNCILOR
RYUJI TO
SHOW UP.

RIGHT?

HOW-
EVER

JUST
LIKE SHE'S
DONE
MULTIPLE
TIMES
ALREADY.

WHOEVER
THE LEAK WAS,
THEY PROBABLY
EXPECTED TO
QUIETLY SLIP
AWAY WHILE
WE FOUGHT
LI'S GOONS,
TAKING MINMEI
WITH HER.

WHO
ARE
YOU?

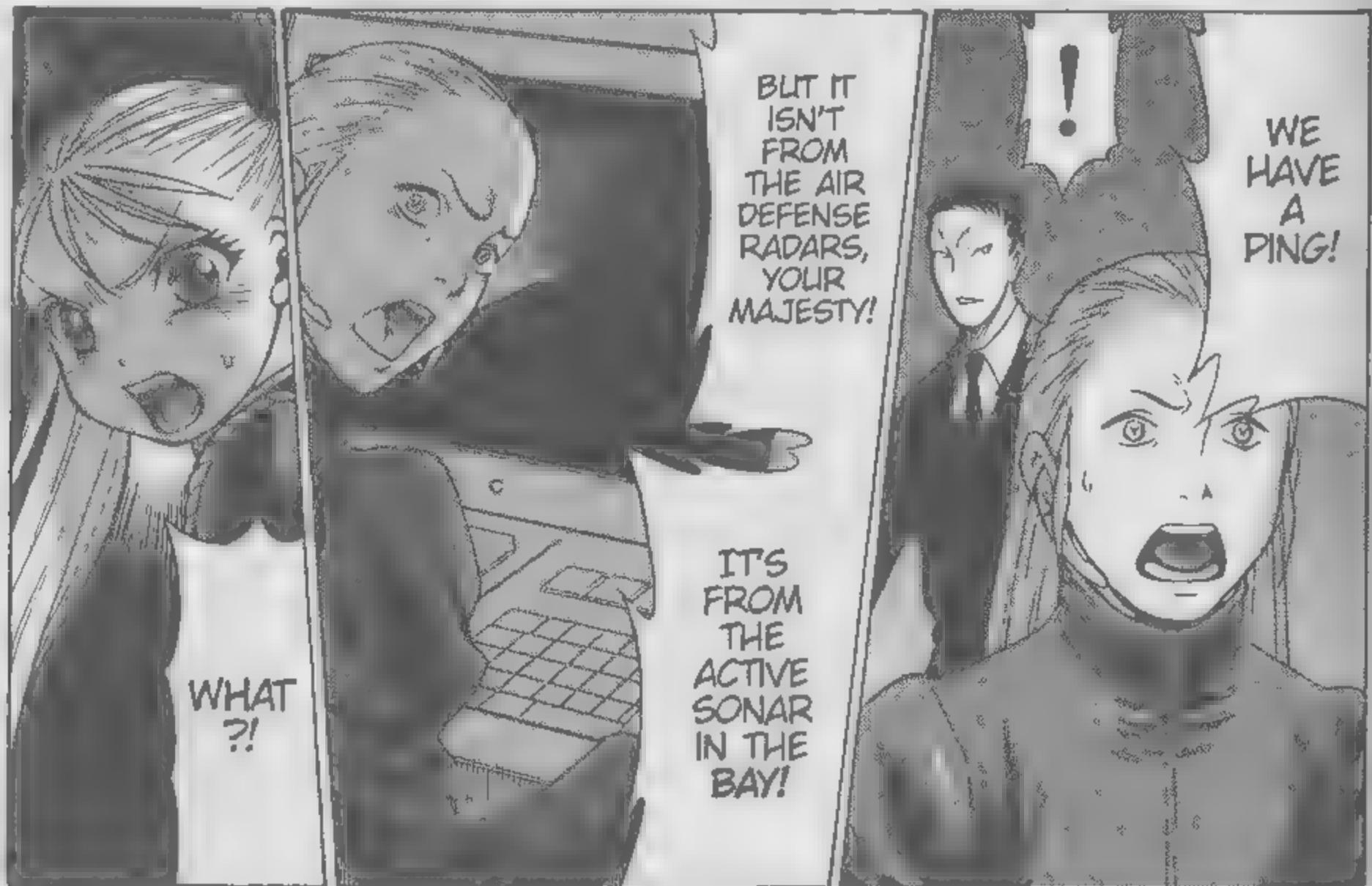
WAIT
JUST
ONE
MINUTE...

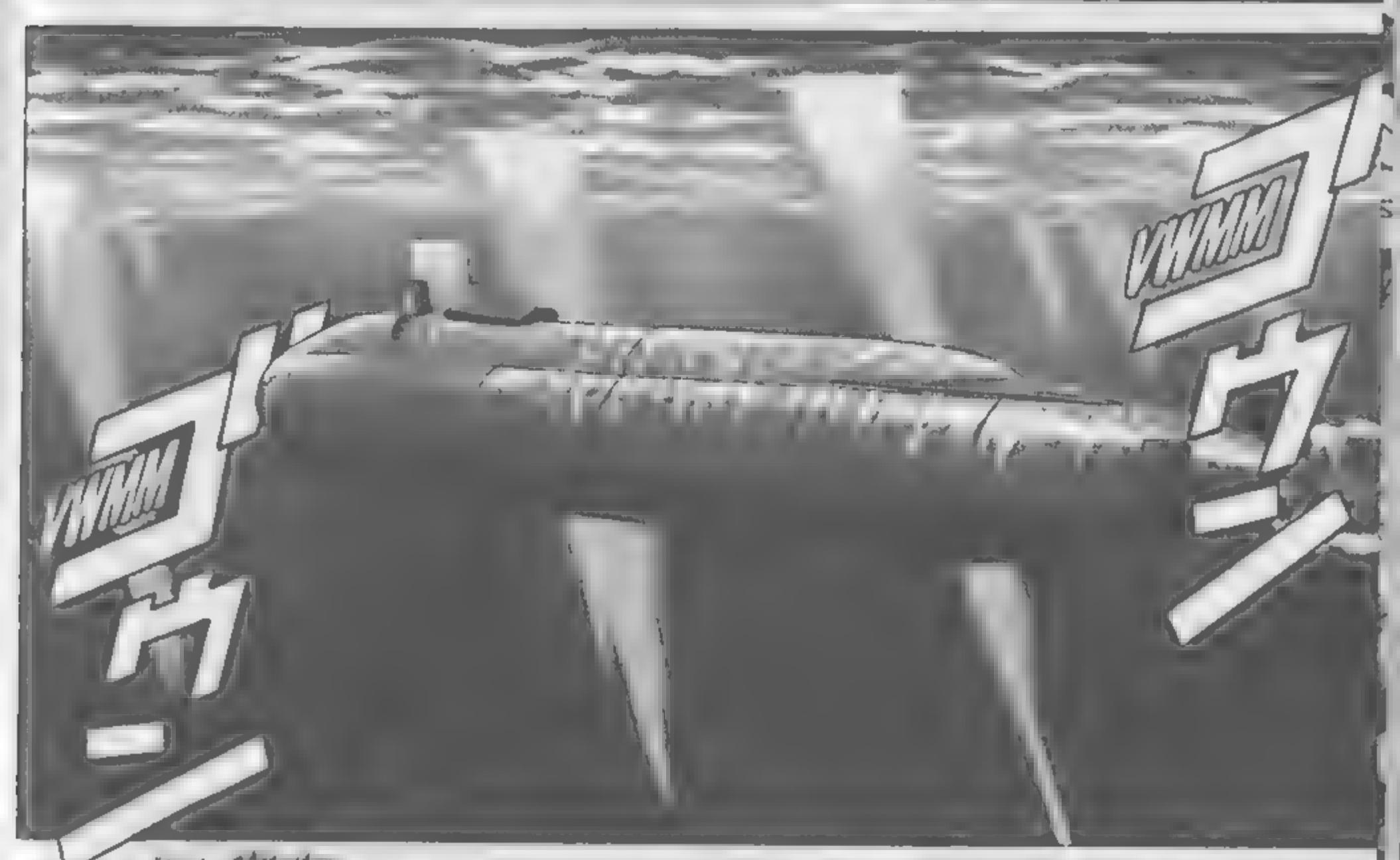
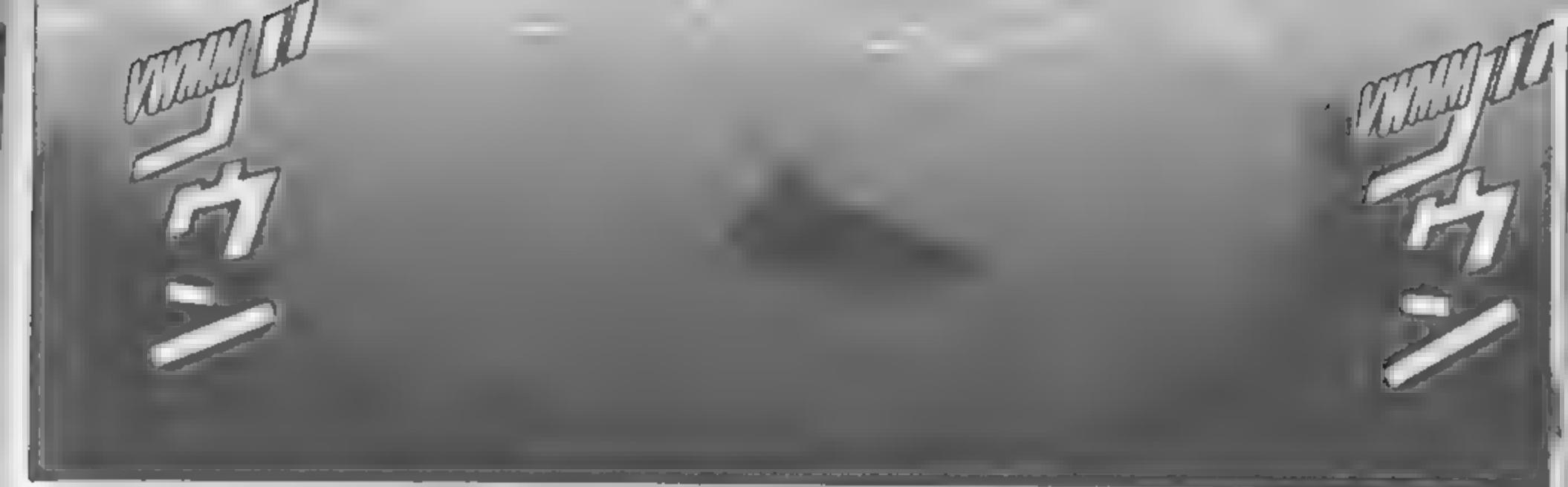
THAT,
MISS
LEAK...

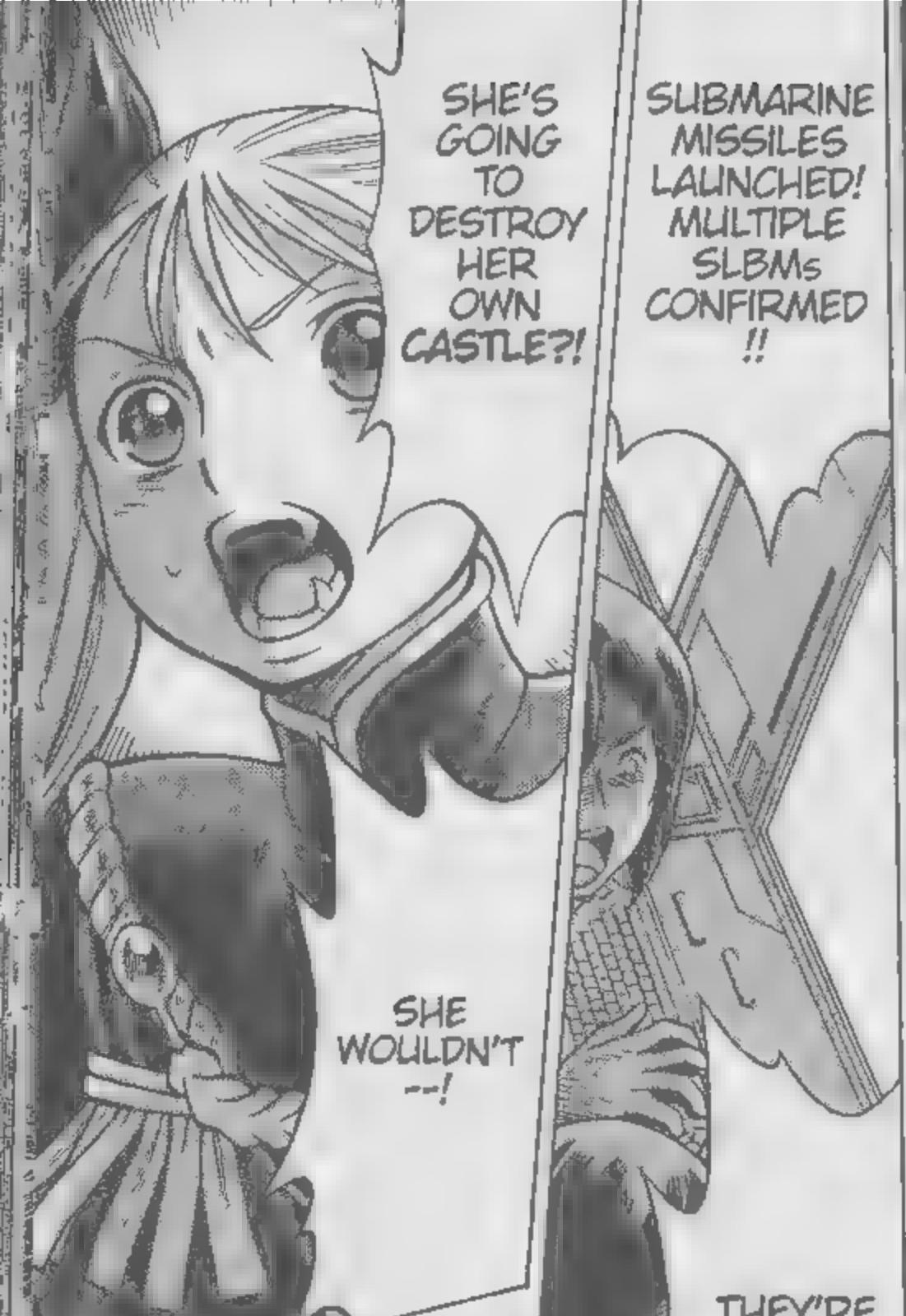
IS
MY
LINE
!!

CRASH









SHE'S
GOING
TO
DESTROY
HER
OWN
CASTLE?!

SUBMARINE
MISSILES
LAUNCHED!
MULTIPLE
SLBMs
CONFIRMED
!!



SHE
WOULDN'T
--!



THEY'RE
ON A
DIRECT
COURSE
FOR THIS
LOCATION!



CIWS
PREPAR-
ING TO
INTER-
CEPT!!



WHAT
?!





YED
MAGNETY
THE
THE
MIRRORS
WASN'T JUST
ST F-
DESTRUCT-
ED BY
RUMBLE



THEY
WHAT
...?

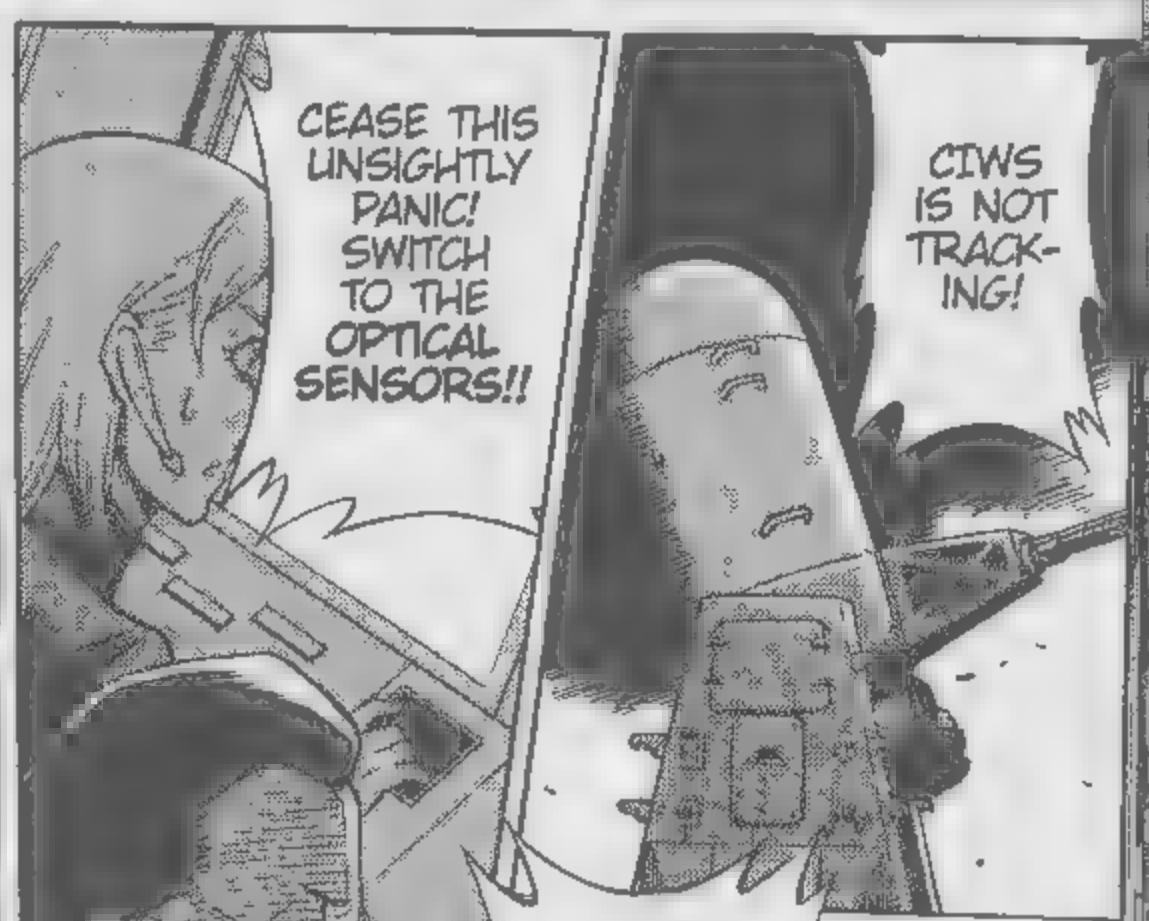
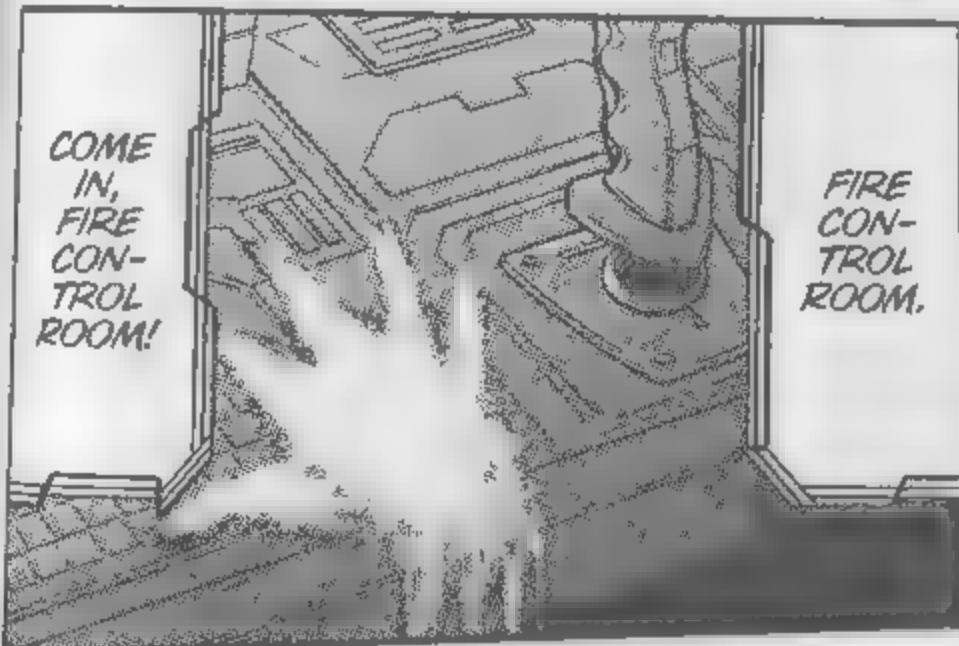
WAIT,
I'VE
GOT
VISUAL!

WHAT
IS ALL
THIS
?!

WHAT THE
HECK...?
I'M SEEING
DOZENS
OF TINY
BLIPS!

SOMETHING'S
COMING OUT
OF THE
SMOKE...
IT LOOKS
LIKE
HUNDREDS
OF
SHADOWS!!





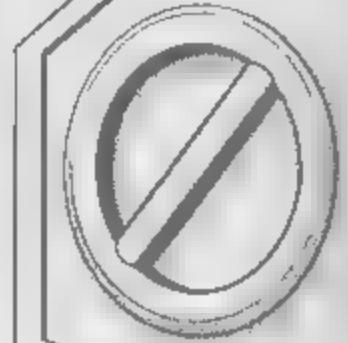


CAGE-11
PRISONER:
W.V. Regendorf

UNLOCK

Vampires, contrary to Werewolves, are a form of evolved humans. Ms. Kin's only predator, like humans, are vampires. By nature, vampires are more

CAGE



WE
GO TO
RE-
CLAIM
MY
CASTLE
!!

EVERY-
ONE,
FOLLOW
ME!

WE HAD TO
HACK IT
THROUGH
THE AIR
PORTAL
TO GET HERE



I JUST
GAVE
YOU AN
ORDER.

WELL
...?

WHAT
OF
THEM?

YOUR
MAJESTY...
DO YOU TRULY
WISH TO
DETONATE
THE TUNNEL
CEILING AND
FLOOD IT WITH
SEAWATER?

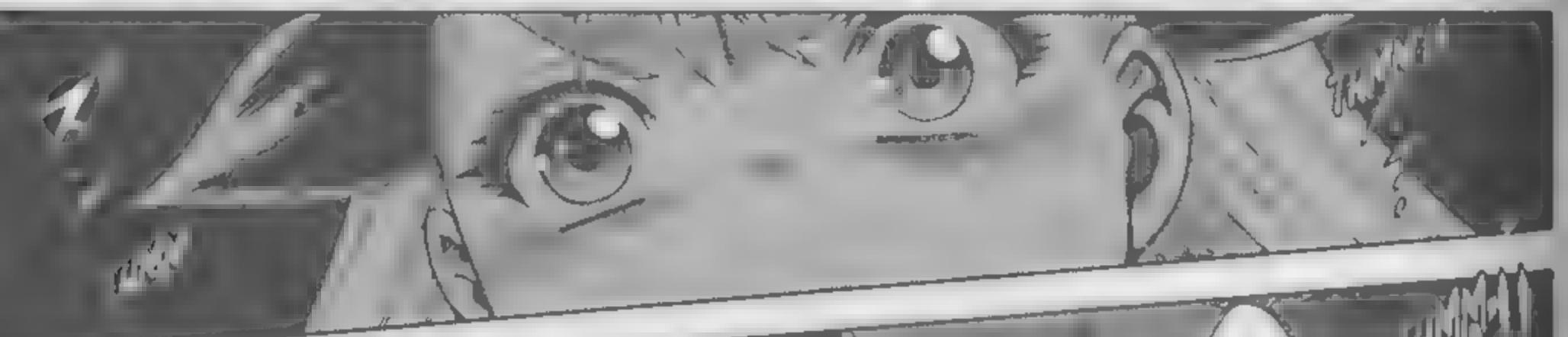
YES.
THAT IS
THE
QUICKEST
WAY OF
DEALING
WITH IT.

BUT
THERE
ARE STILL
VGS
DIVISIONS
WITHIN
THE--

P-
PROTOCOL
D-21...

DO
IT!!

ENGA--



A-A
MASSIVE
SILVER
WEREWOLF
IS LOOSE
IN THE
BUILDING!!

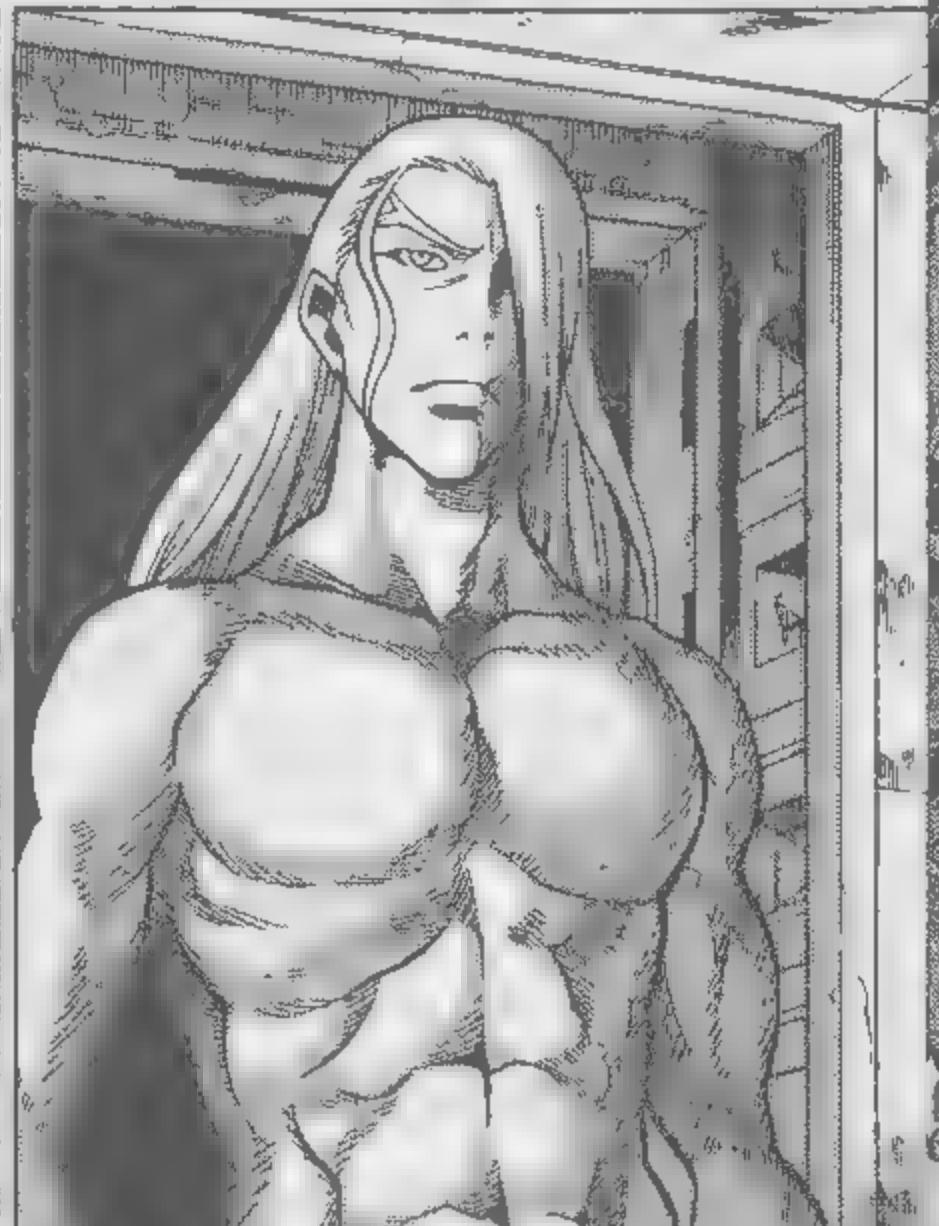
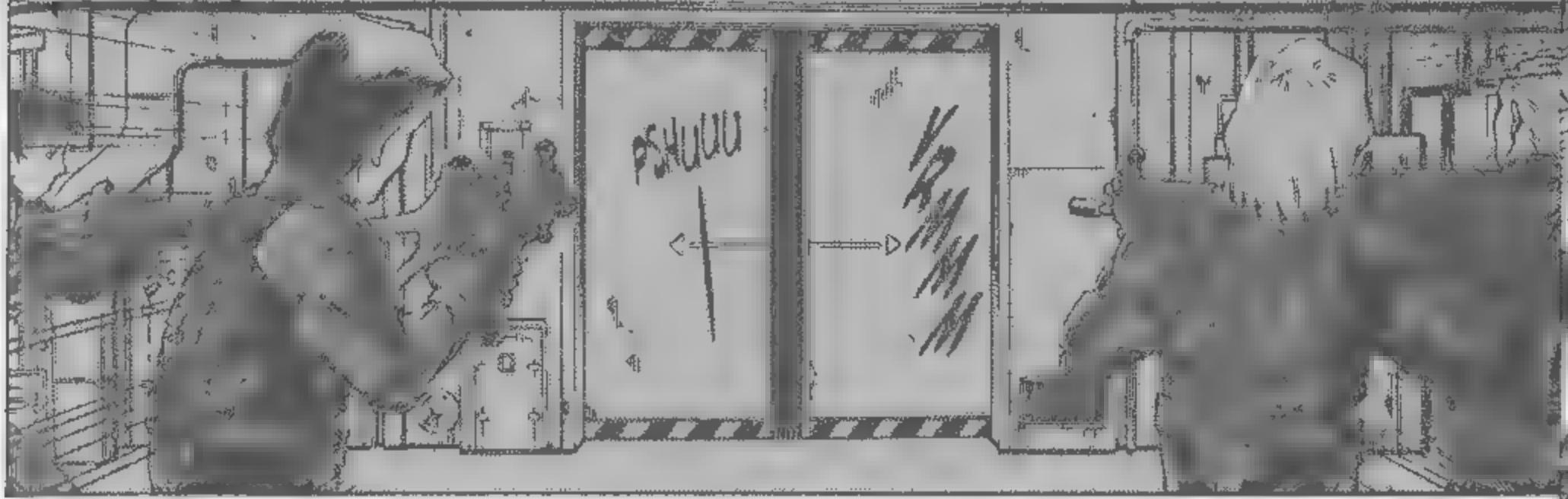
WE
CAN'T
STOP--
AAAAA-
RRGH!!

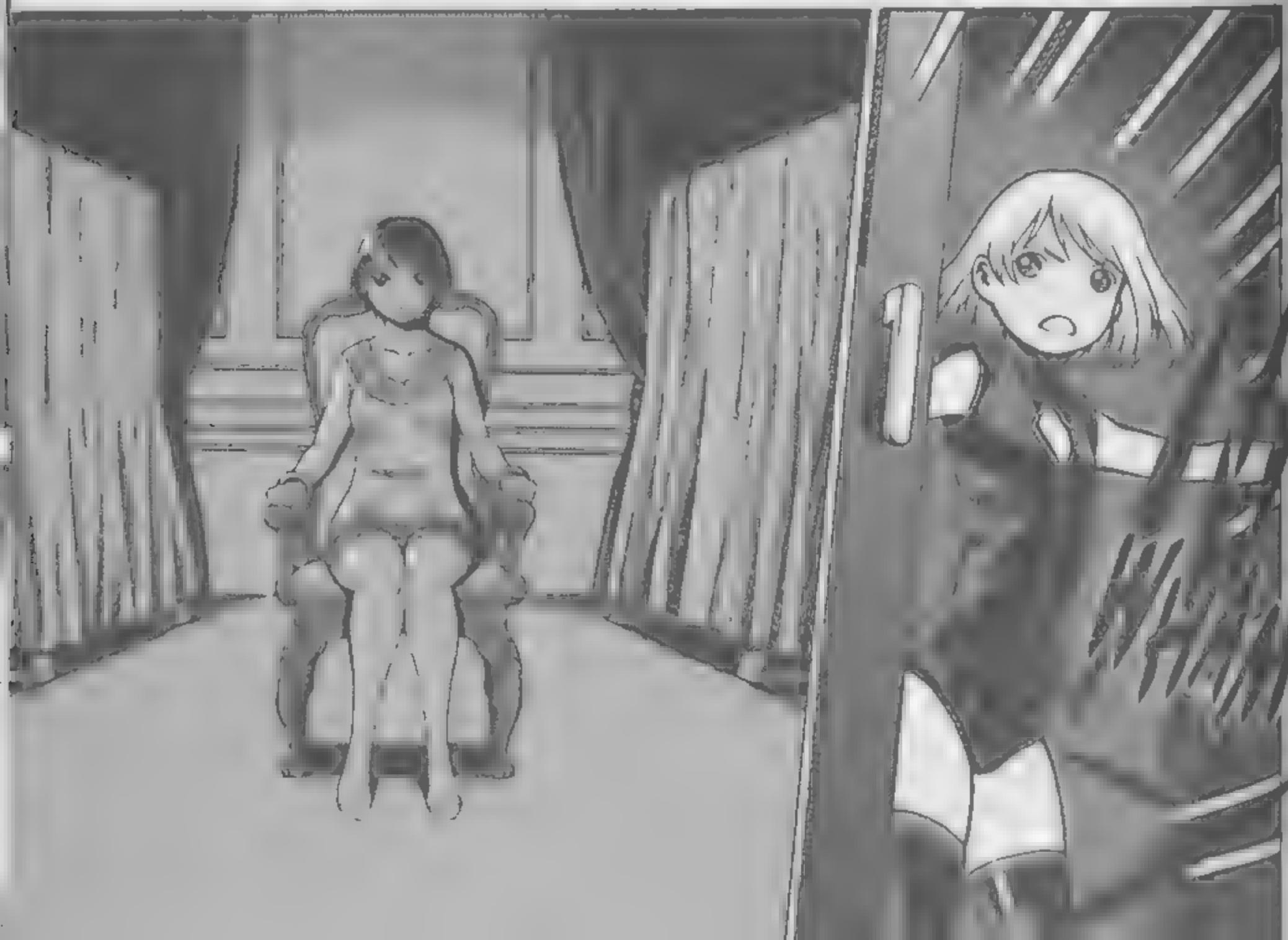
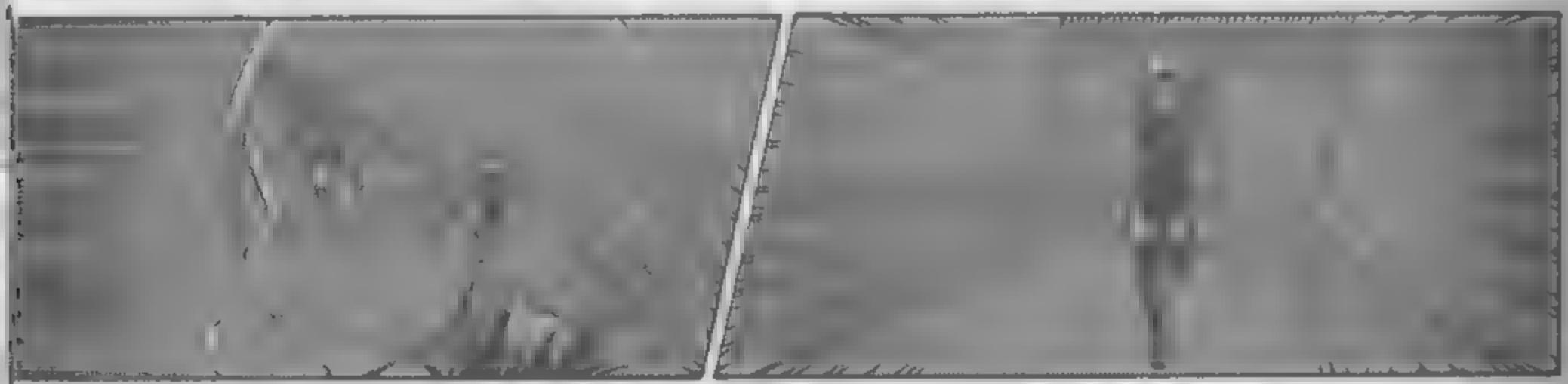
A
SILVER
WERE-
WOLF!!

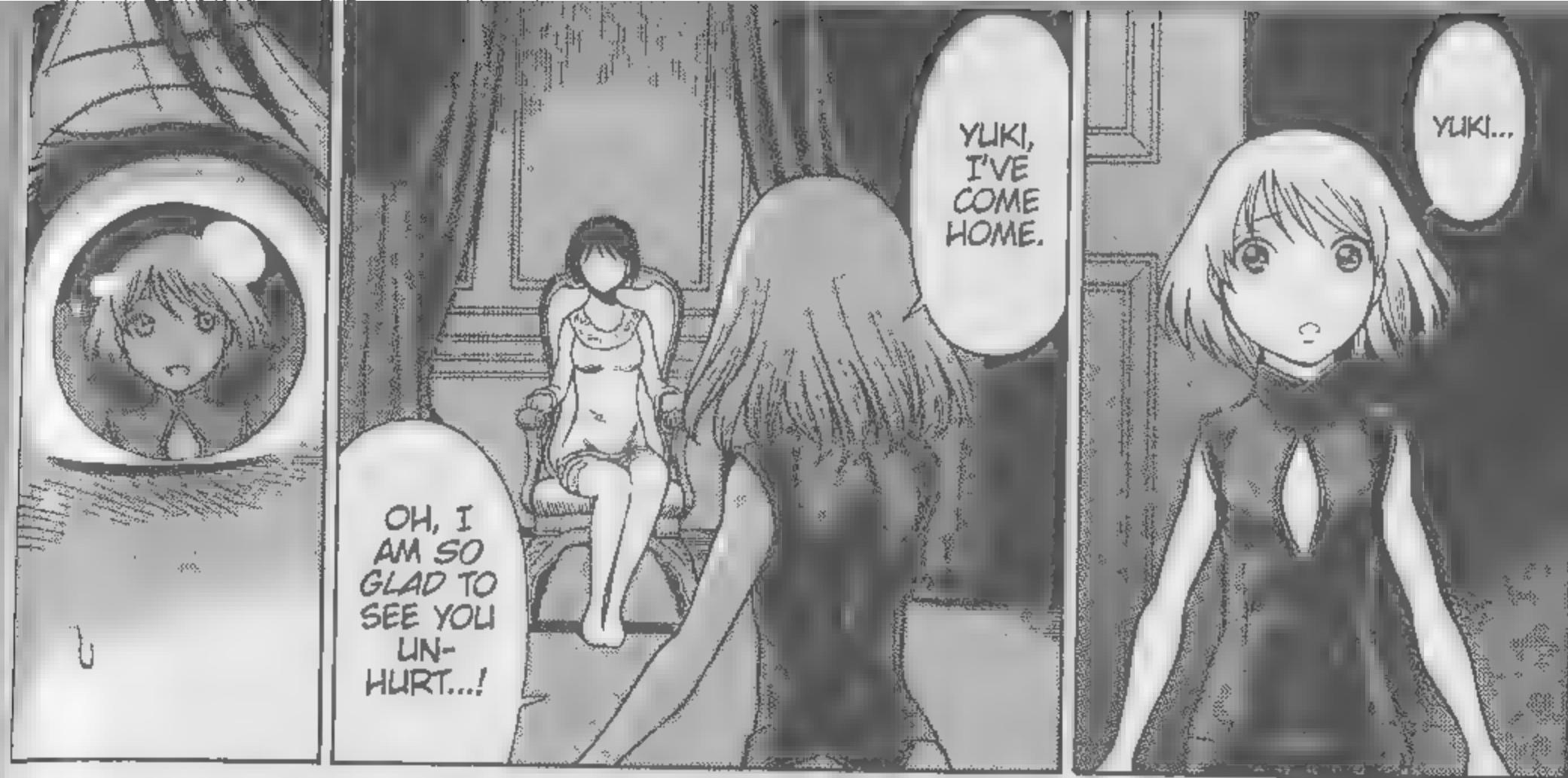
IT
CAN'T
BE!











WAIT
JUST
ONE
MO-
MENT,
OKAY?

I
WILL
TAKE
THAT
YOKE
FROM
YOU
AND--

BE-
HIND
YOU
!!!

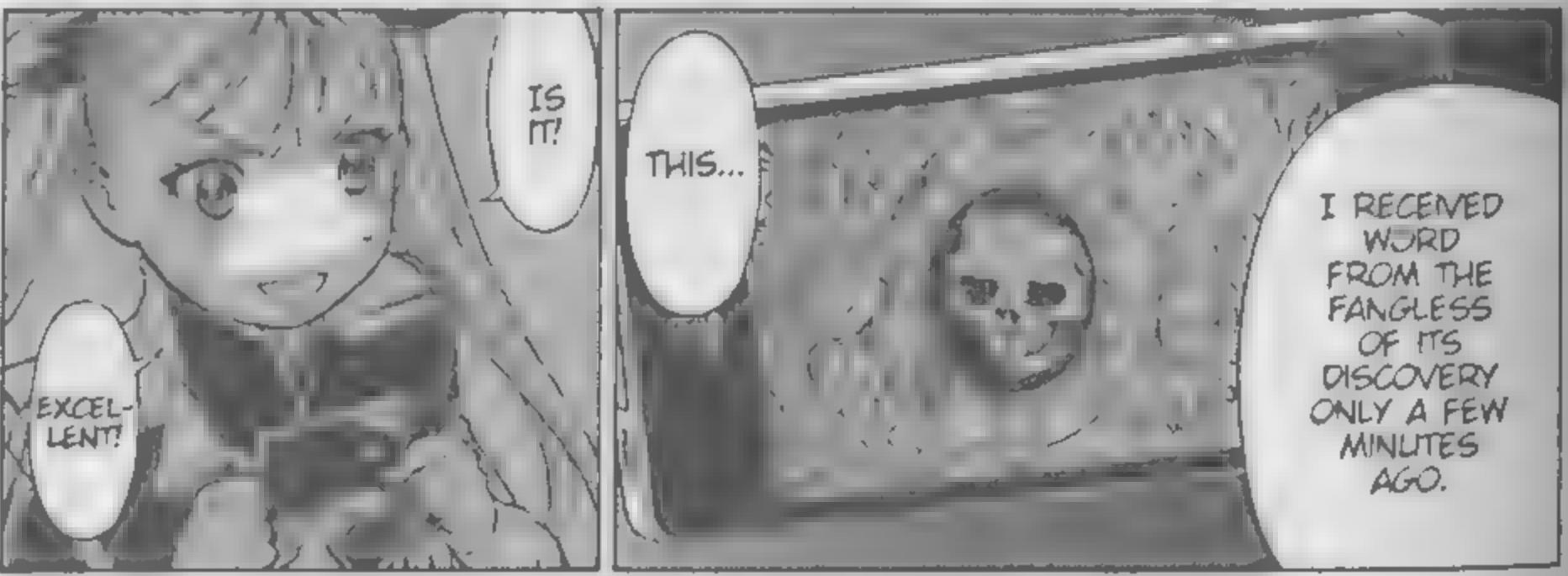
BEHIND
YOU!!

SAMAAA!!!

H
I
M
E









THERE
ARE
THINGS
THAT STILL
NEED TO
BE TAKEN
CARE OF.

I'M
AFRAID
NOT
YOUR
MAJ-
ESTY.

IN
THE END,
EVEN
YOU
CHOOSE
HER.

I
SEE.

WHAT-
EVER.

I HAVE
BEEN
ALONE
FROM THE
BEGINNING,
ANYWAY.



YOU'RE
WEIRD
BUT
I
LOVE
YOU



HOLY
SHIT



I THINK
I'VE
FIGURED
OUT WHO IT
IS YOU'RE
WORKING
FOR,
MR. MASK.

YOU
KNOW...

I THINK
I'VE GOT
A PRETTY
GOOD
IDEA.

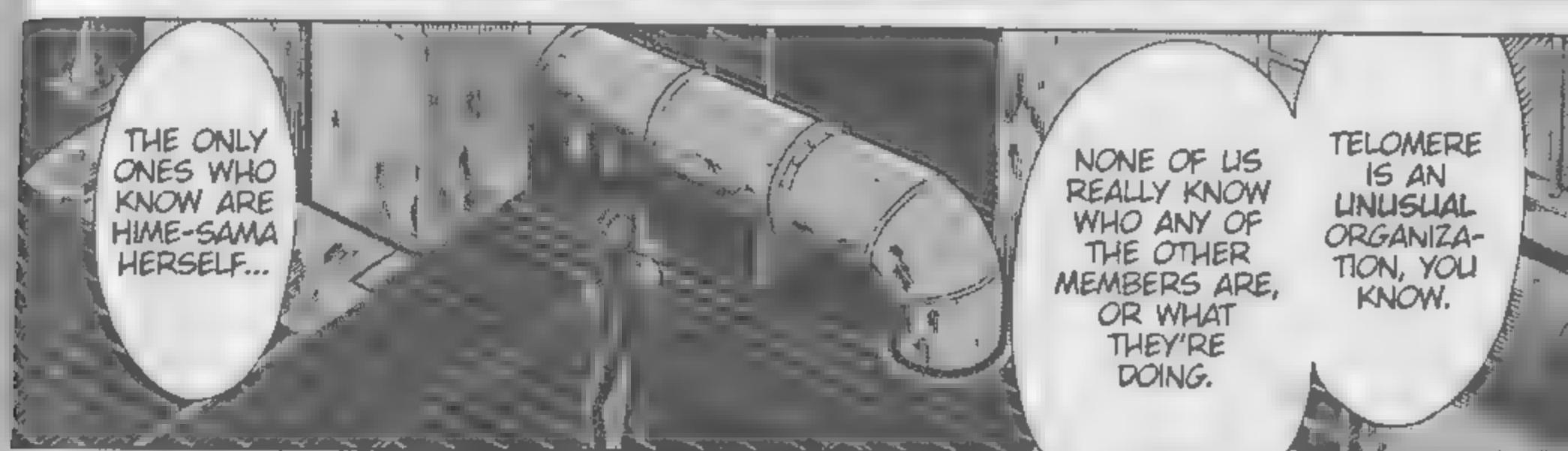
YOU WERE
AIMING TO
USE MINMEI
AND THOSE
REFUGEES
TO KICK OFF
A PANDEMIC
FROM THE
BEGINNING.

THOUGHT
SO.

I AM,
AS YOU
EXPECTED,
PART OF
TELO-
MERE.

EVERYTHING
I'M DOING
IS AT
THE ORDER
OF MY
HIME-SAMA.

BUT...



FREEZE!!

I TOLD
HER
FROM THE
VERY
BEGINNING
THAT SHE
COULDN'T
TRUST
HIM!

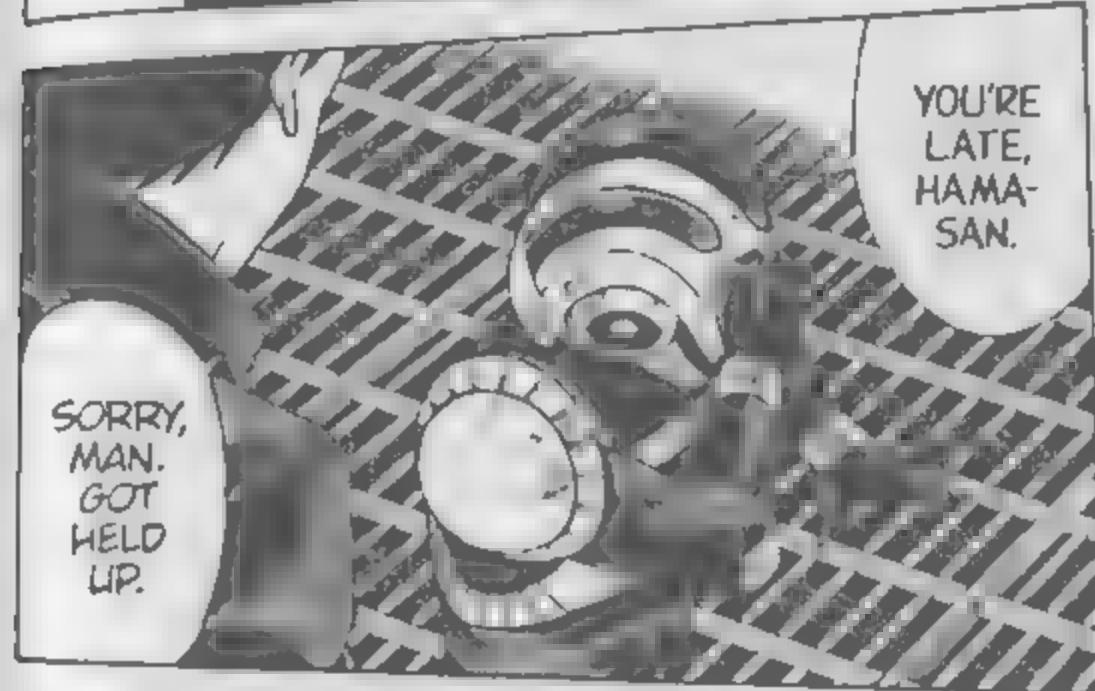
I
WARNED
HIME-
SAMA!

YOUR
ARM!

THAT'S
AS FAR
AS YOU
GO,
SWEET
CHEEKS
!!

DASH!

BRAP! BRAP! BRAP! BRAP!



BY DOING THAT, THEY WOULD FLUSH OUT WHOEVER IT WAS WHO STARTED THE WHOLE PIED PIPER PANDEMIC.

HE TOLD ME WHO IT WAS THAT ORDERED HIM TO BRING MINMEI AND GOTOH-SAN TOGETHER.

IT WAS AKIRA GARCIA FUJISAKI WHO SHOWED ME THE ANSWER TO ALL THAT.

WHY TURN AROUND AND GO THIS FAR TO GET HER BACK?

I DON'T GET IT, MAN. YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SOLD OUT HIME-SAN TO TELOMERE IN THE FIRST PLACE.

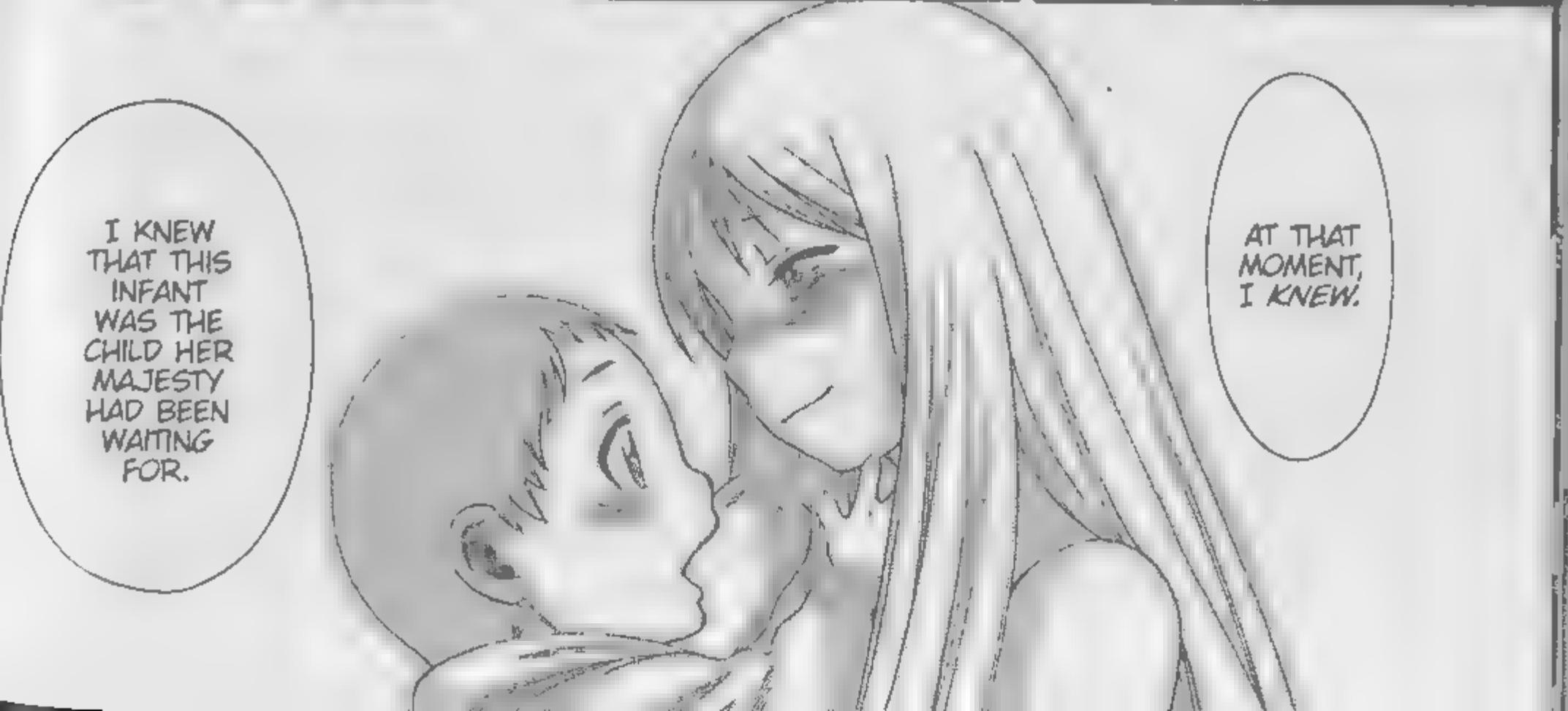
IT WAS YOU, ALPHONSE.

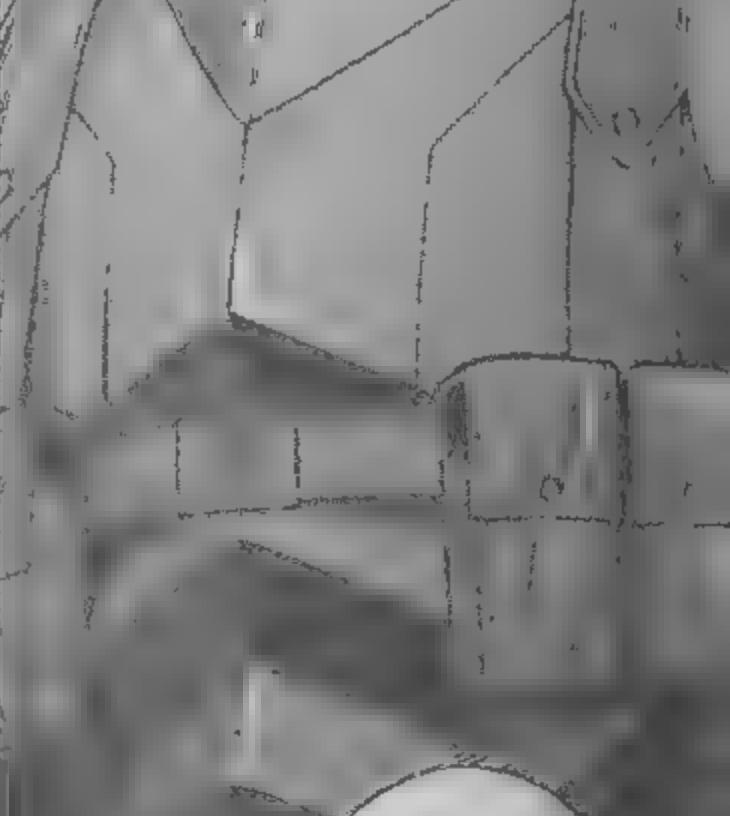
I... COULDN'T TELL. I DIDN'T KNOW WHICH ONE OF THEM WAS MY TRUE HIME-SAMA.

IT WAS YOU FROM THE BEGINNING.











TO BE
HONEST,
I REALLY
DON'T
WANNA
DO
THIS.

BLIT,
Y'KNOW

zok



PROVE
TO ME
YOU ARE
WORTHY
TO STAND
AT MINA
TEPES'
ELBOW!

SHOW
ME,
BOY!

zok

NOT
FOR
YOU...

OR
FOR
ME!!

IF WE
DON'T HAVE
IT OUT NOW,
THINGS
WON'T EVER
BE SETTLED
BETWEEN
US!







FOOLISH,
I KNOW.
A SHALLOW
REGRET.

LAUGH
AT ME
IF YOU
WANT.

IT WAS
A VAIN
DREAM...

BUT I
COULD NOT
HELP BUT
THINK THAT
MAYBE THIS
QUEEN
COULD BE
MINE.

I...
I JUST
LET
MYSELF
DREAM
FOR A
MOMENT.

I
SEE...

I'LL
NEVER
LAUGH
AT
THAT.

I WON'T.
I DON'T
CARE IF
EVERYONE
ELSE
DOES...

THAT...
WASN'T
TRUE.
I
KNEW.





SKRRCH.

SKRCH.

ATTENTION,
CITIZENS
OF THE
VAMPIRE
BLIND
AND THE
NATION OF
JAPAN.

I AM
ALPHONSE
MEDICI
BORGIANI.
DUE TO
INTERFERENCE
IN MY SCHEMES,
THE PRESENT
DISTURBANCE
HAS BEEN
BROUGHT TO
AN END.





YOU DID IT,
ALPHONSE.

YOU
PROTECTED
HIME-SAN
ALL THE
WAY TO
THE BITTER
END.



AND IF,
IN THAT BRIEF
SPACE OF TIME,
I SHOULD HAVE
THE CHANCE
TO DECORATE
HER HAIR...

THAT
WOULD BE
ENOUGH.

I'VE HAD
QUITE
ENOUGH OF
IMMORTALITY,
THANK YOU.

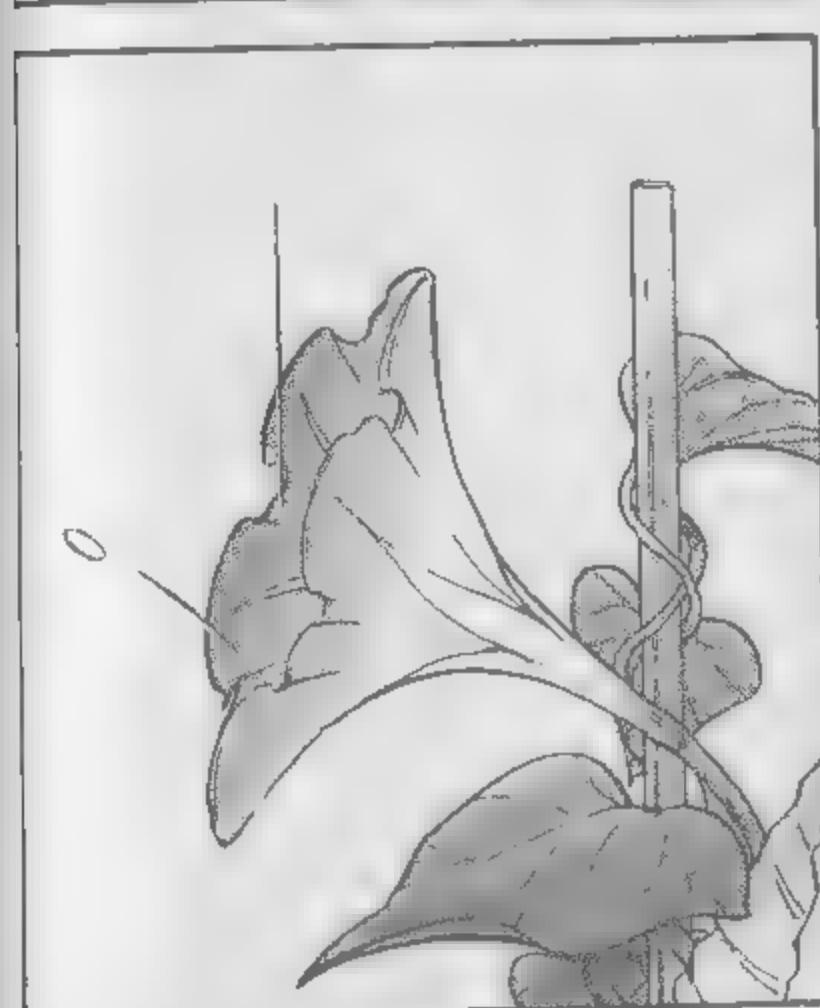
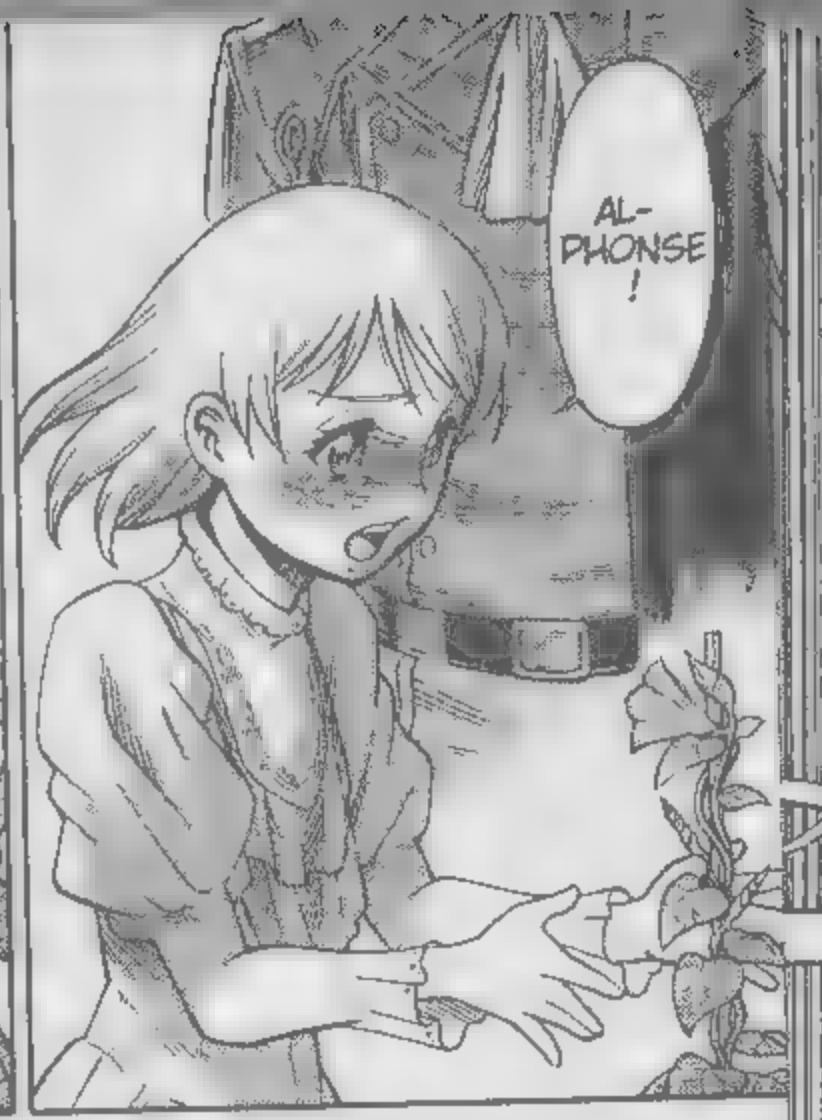
IN MY
NEXT LIFE,
I WANT TO BE
A FLOWER.
A DELICATE,
EPHEMERAL
FLOWER
THAT WOULD
BLOOM AT
DUSK, AND
WILT AWAY
BY DAWN.

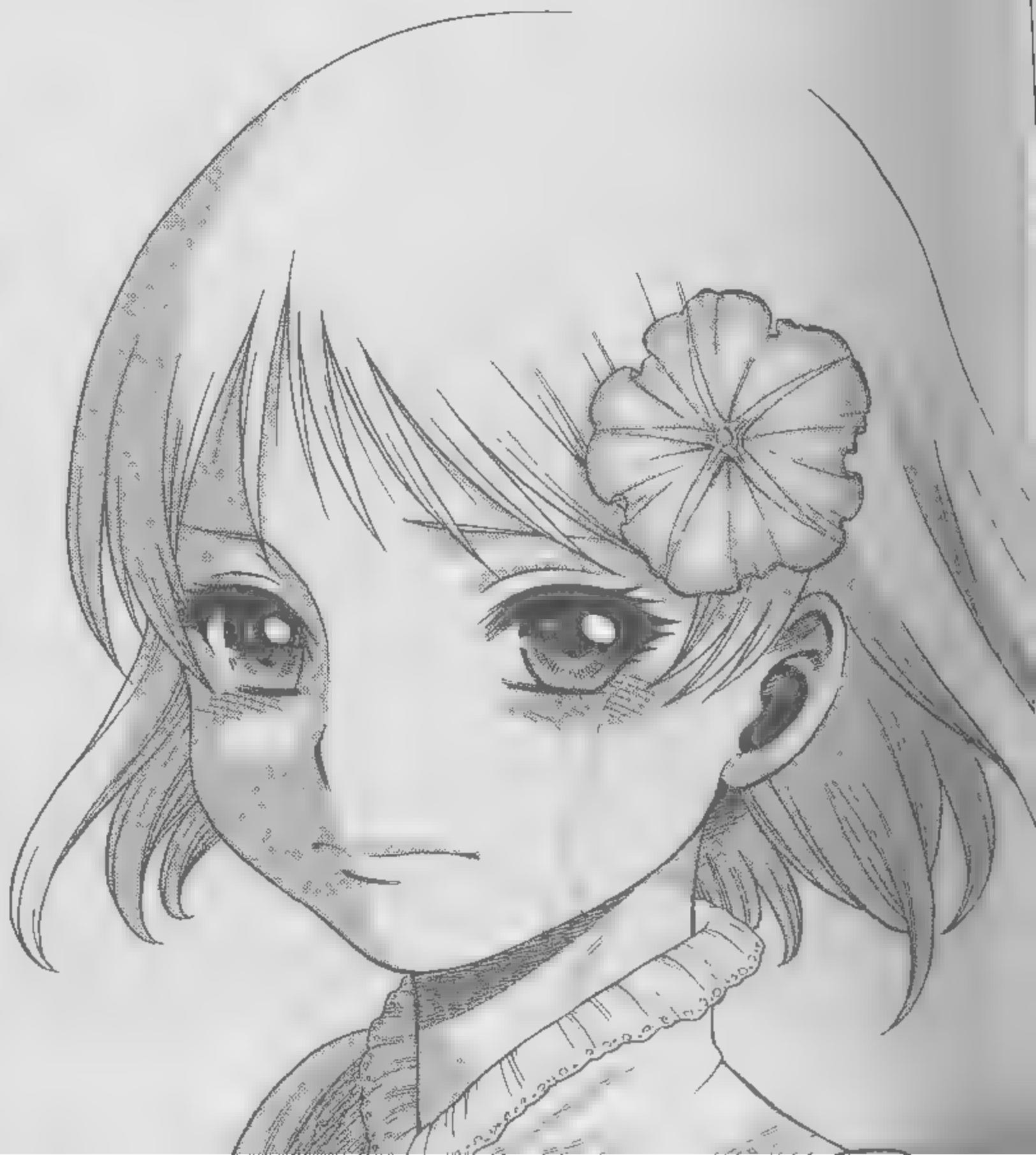
THAT
FLOWER...
IT'S
ALPHONSE.

HE
TOLD
ME
ONCE.

HE SAID
THAT IF HE
COULD BE
REBORN,
HE'D LIKE
TO BE A
FLOWER.

HM
?



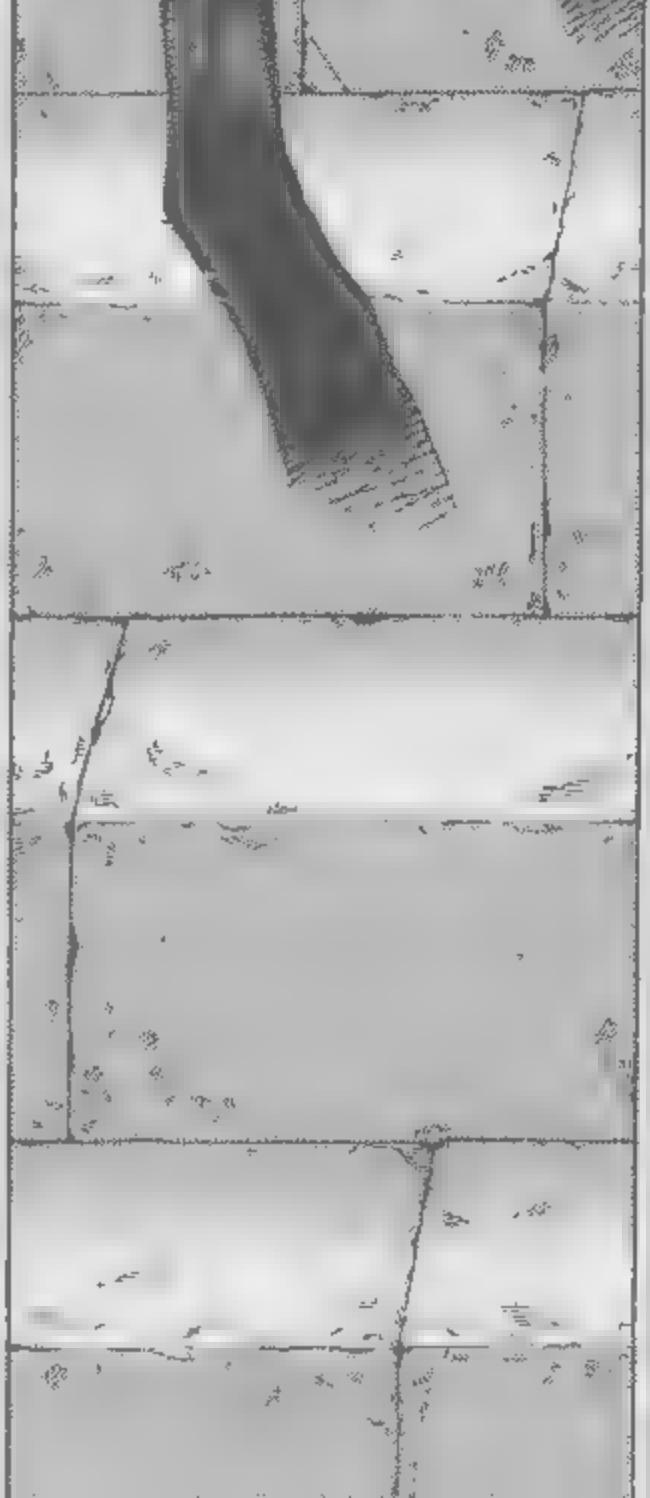
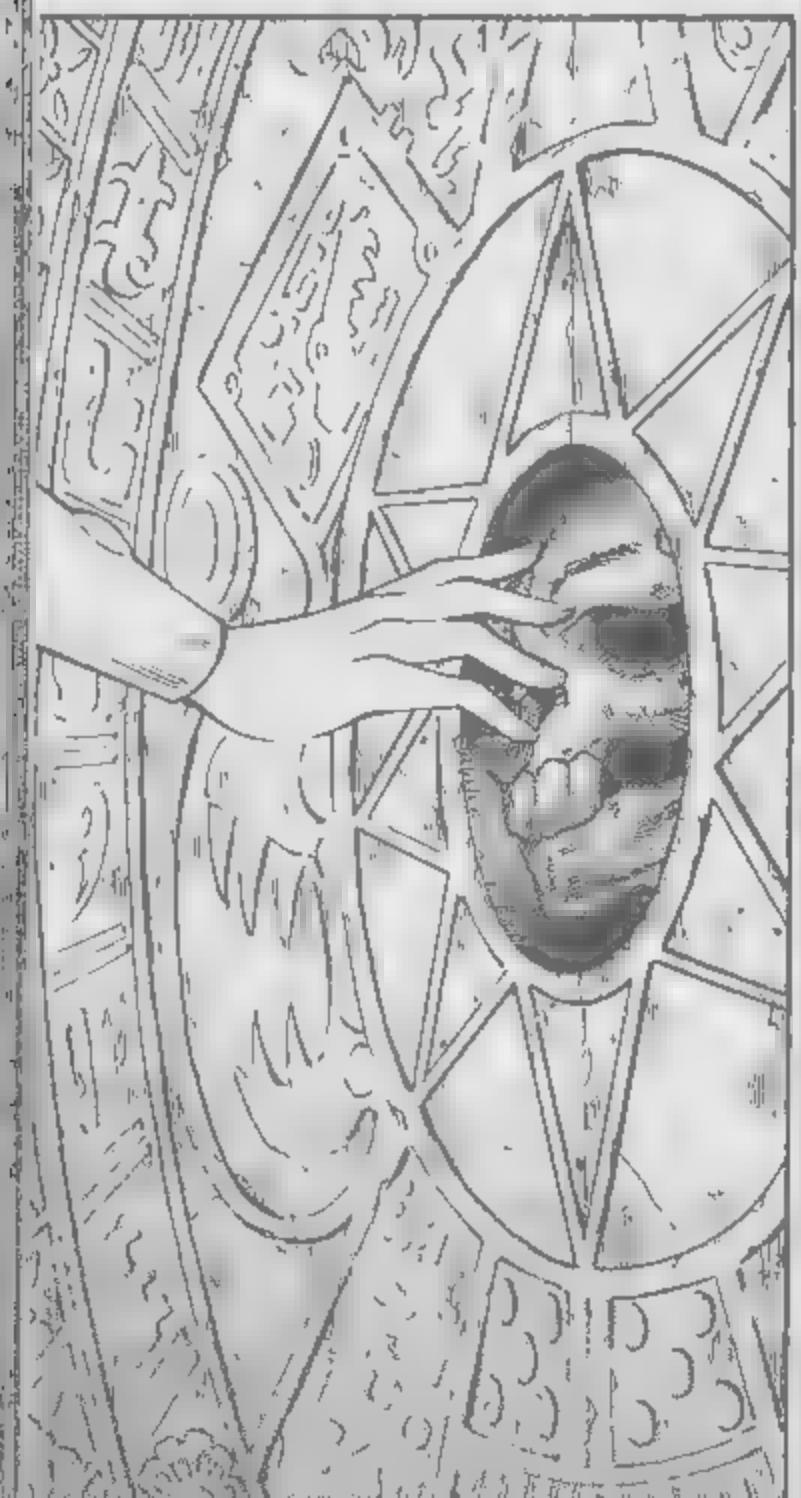
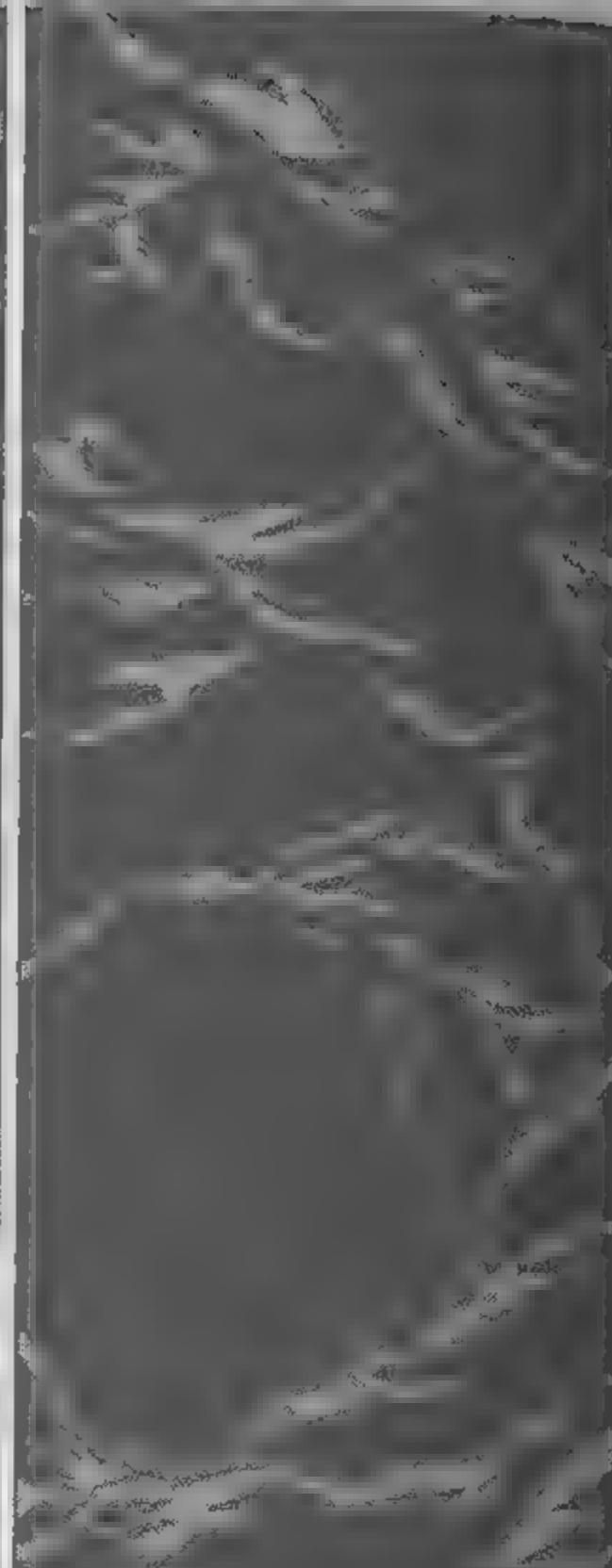
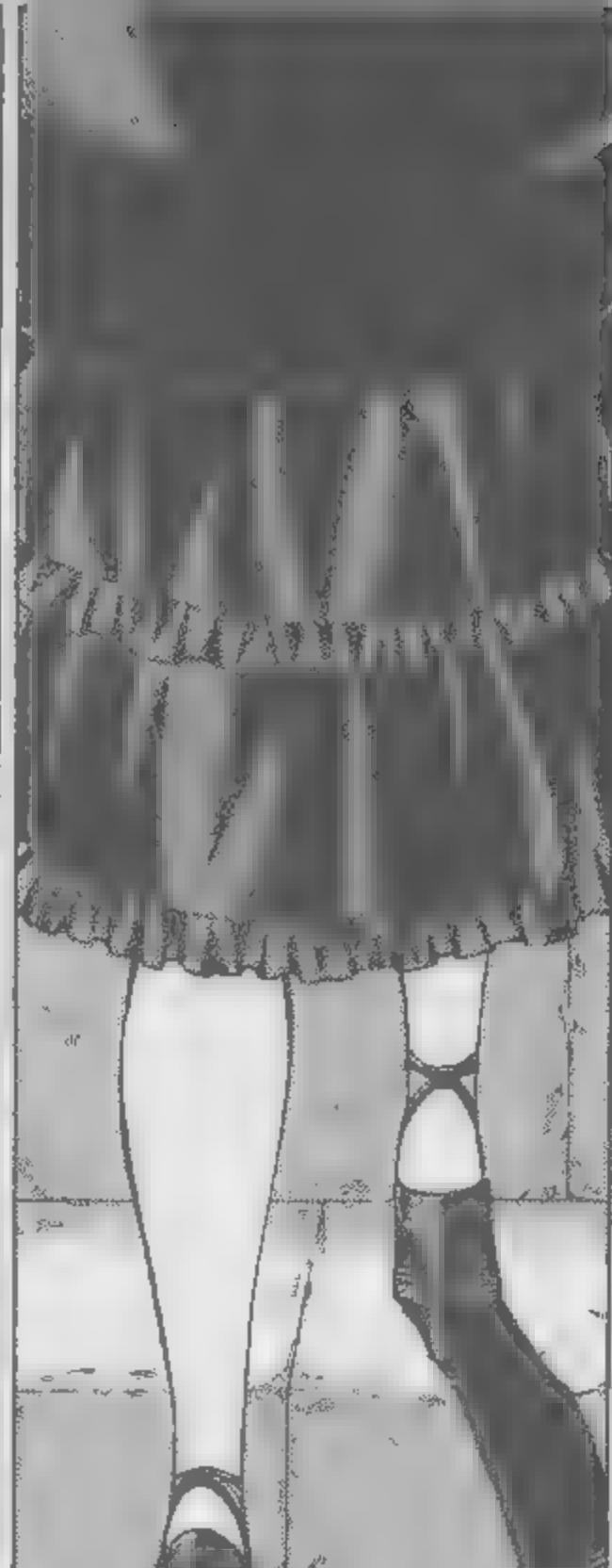
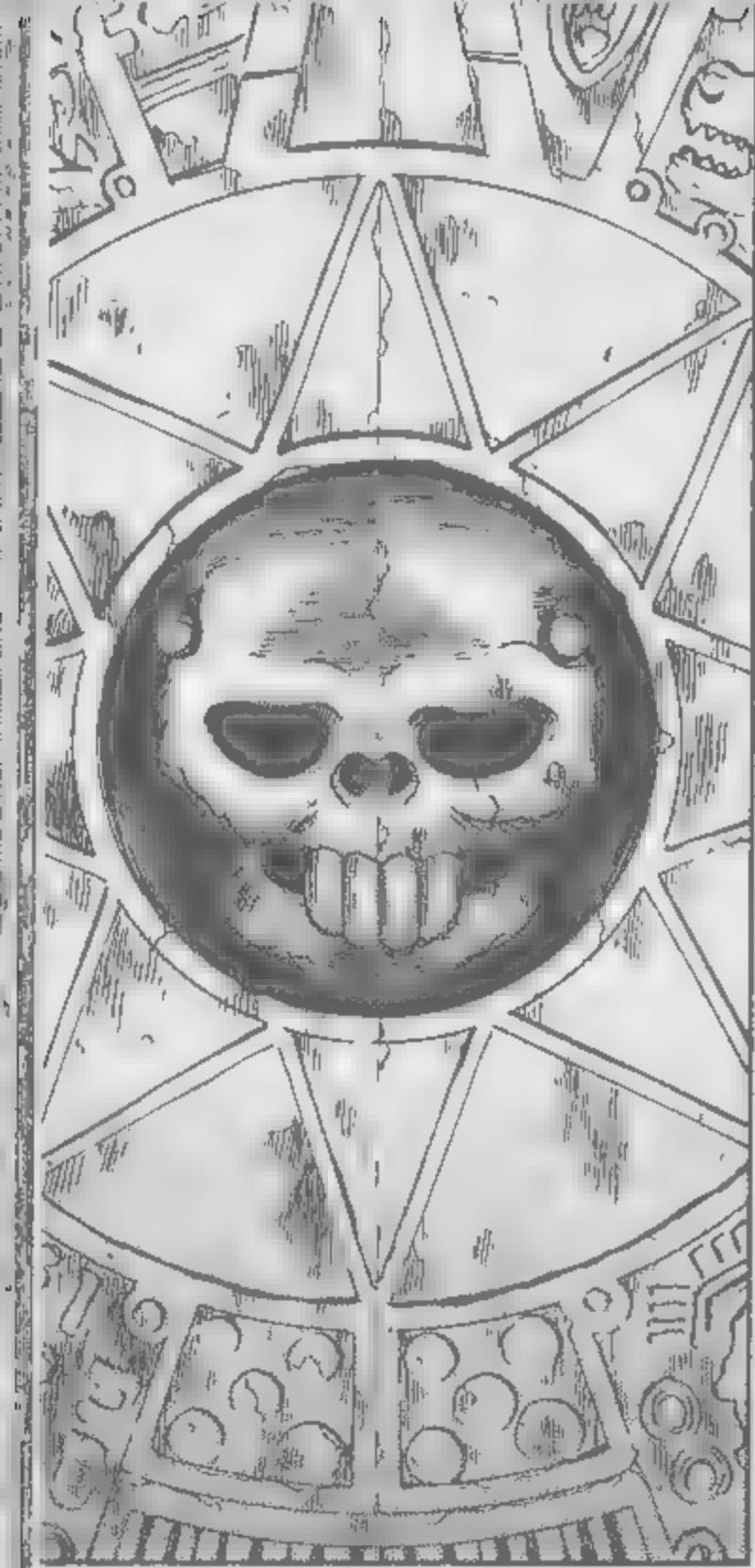


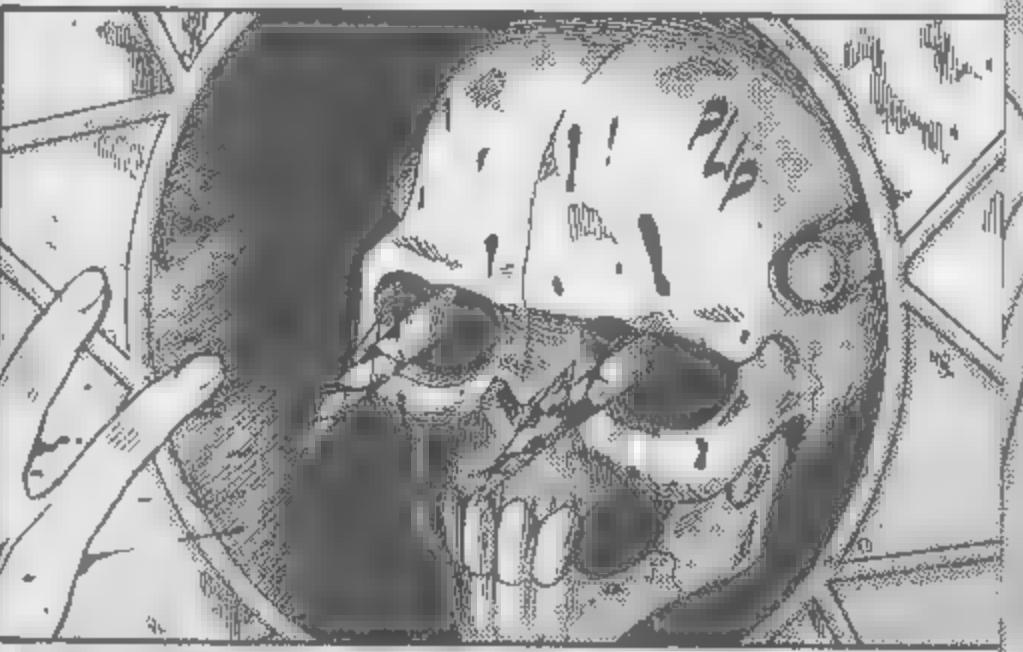
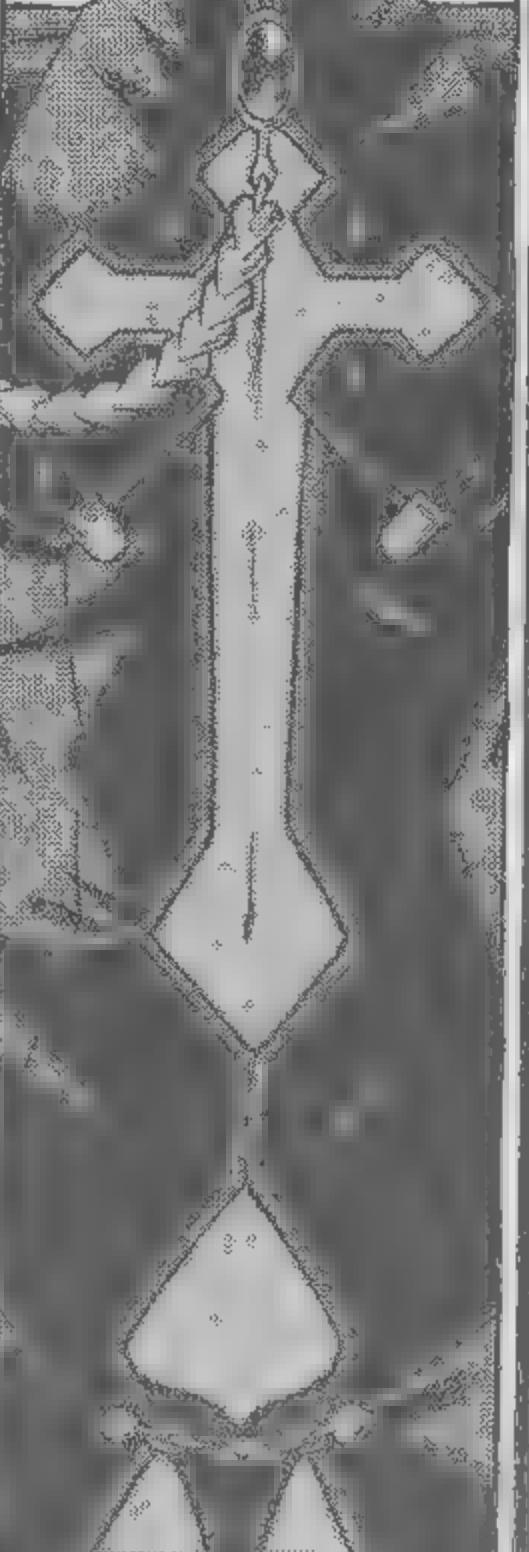
HIME-
SAMA...

I
SHALL
ALWAYS
BE BY
YOUR
SIDE.

ALWAYS...







IT
WAS A
TALE...

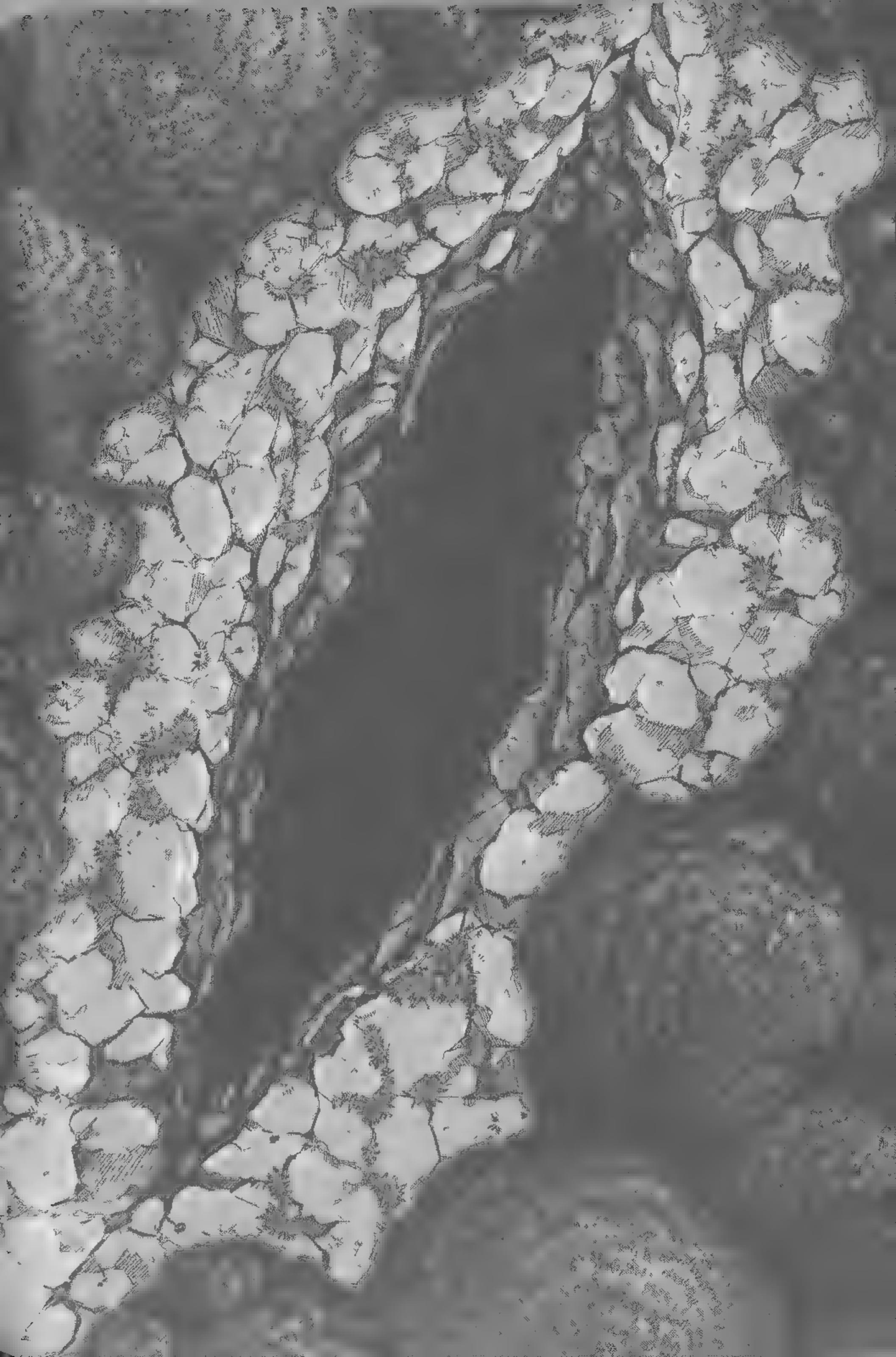
OF
PROMISES.

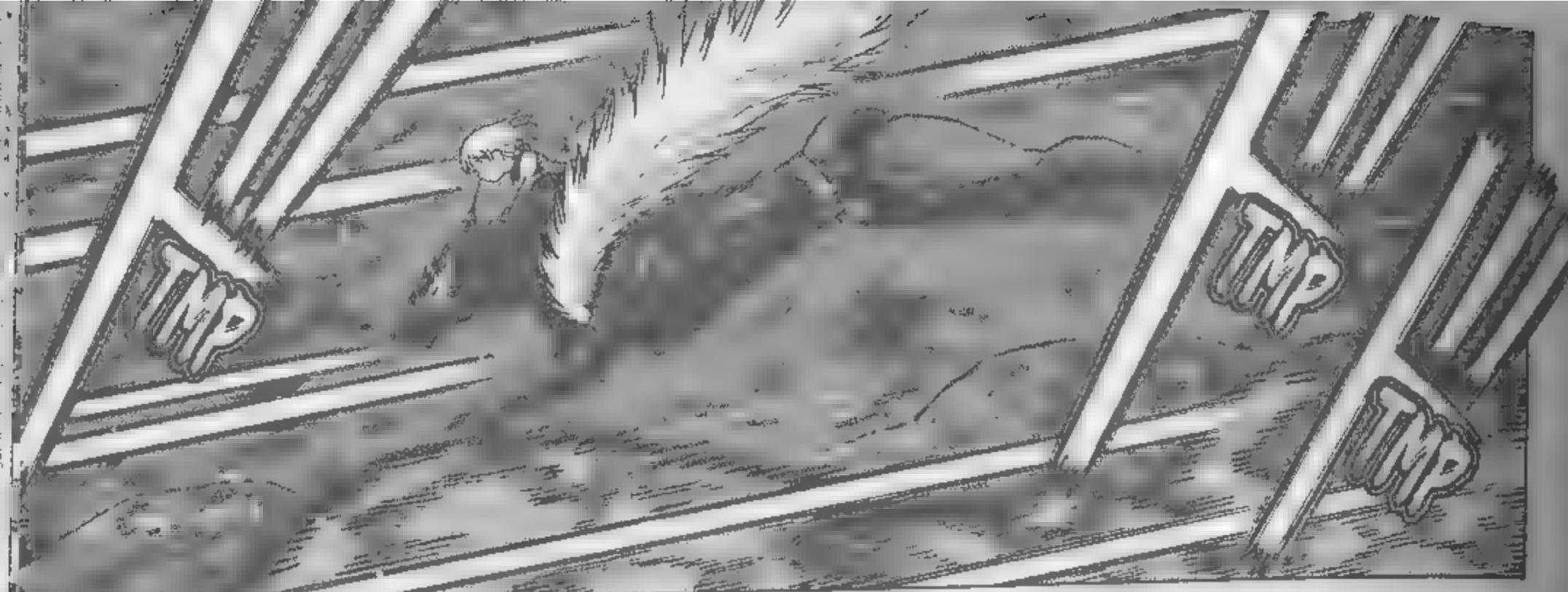


Chapter 82: All Good Things...









YOU BET!
I'LL
NEVER
FORGET
HER
SCENT,
EVER!

IS THE
TRAIL
THERE,
AKIRA?

HIME-
SAMA.

THEN
YUKI
WAS
RIGHT!

SHE WANTS
SOMETHING
HERE...
I'M PRETTY
SURE SHE'S
HEADED
UNDER-
NEATH
MT. FUJI.

SHE
HASN'T
LEFT
JAPAN
YET.
I'M SURE
OF IT.



I THINK HE
GAVE IT TO
ME AS A

I WILL
STOP
HER!
I
SWEAR
TO
YOU I
WILL!!

WATCH
ME, YUK!

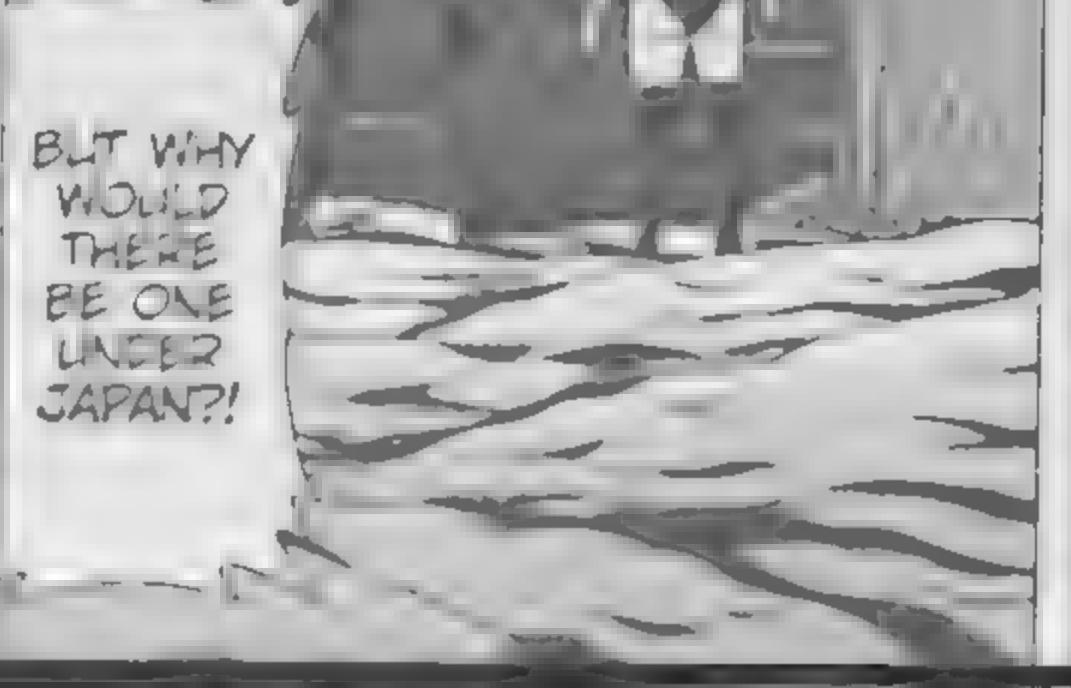
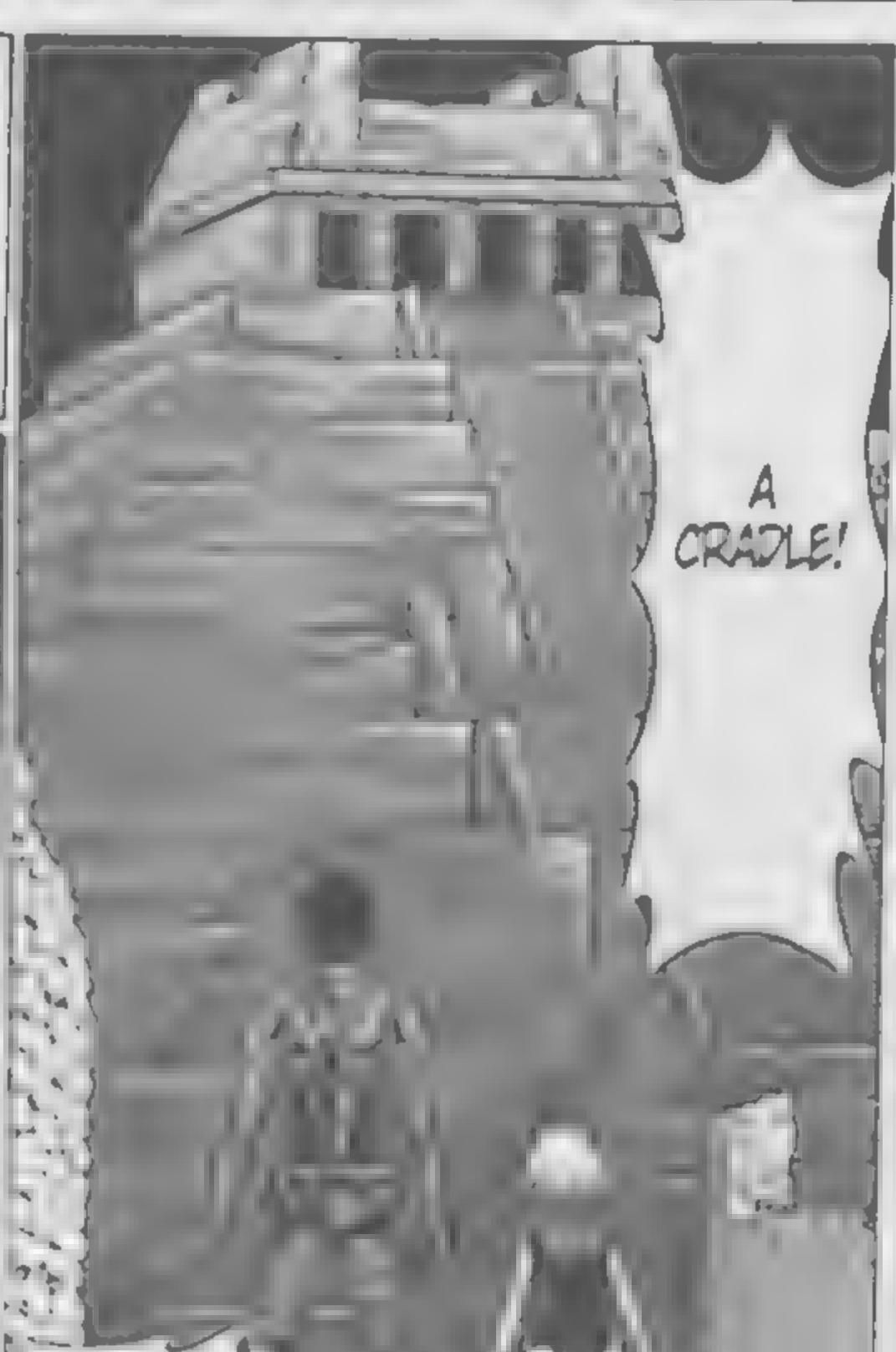
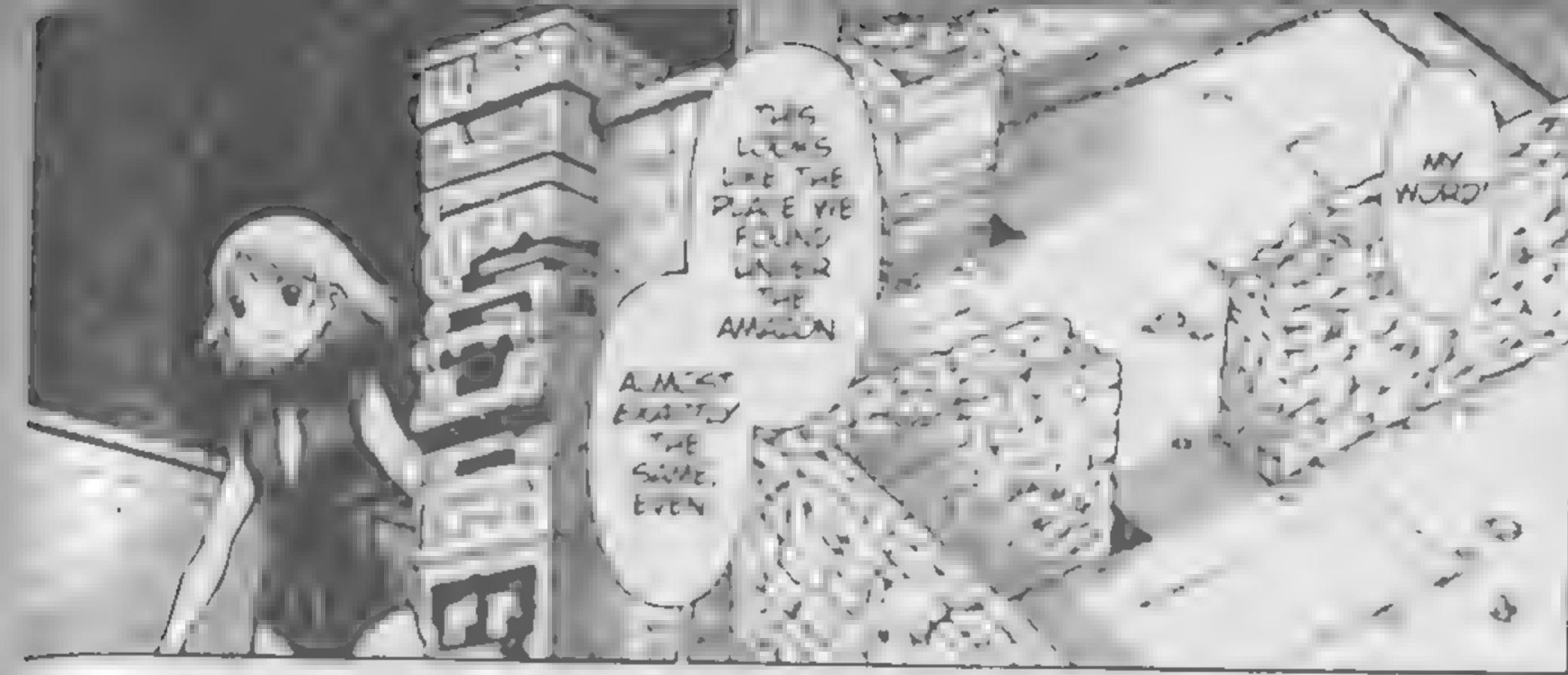


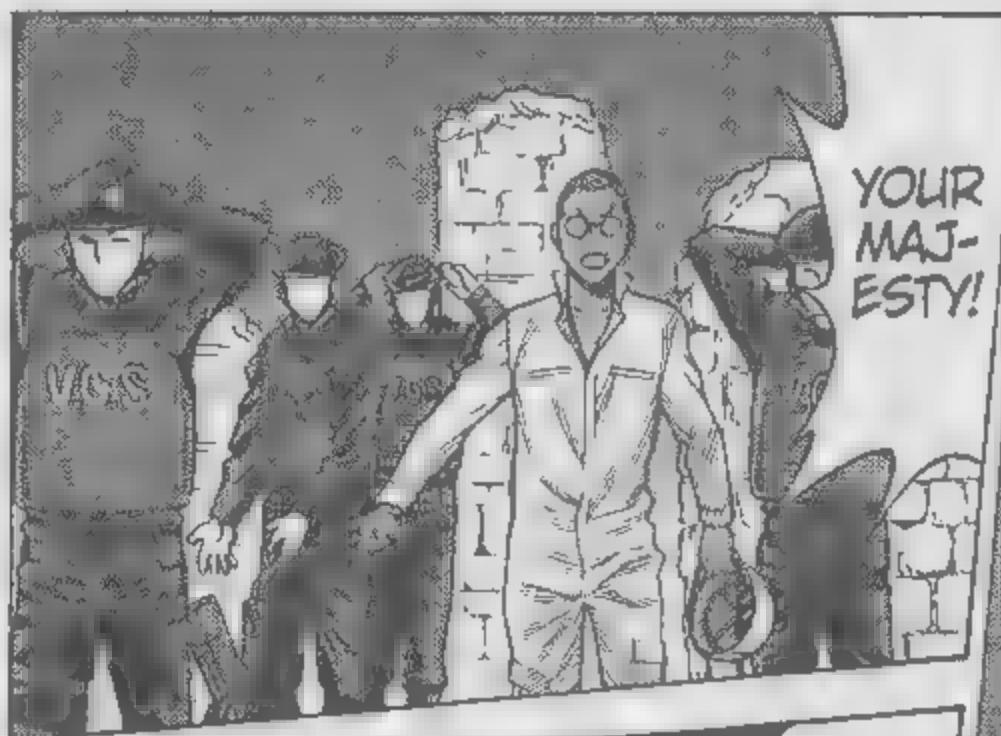
LOOK!

AKIRA

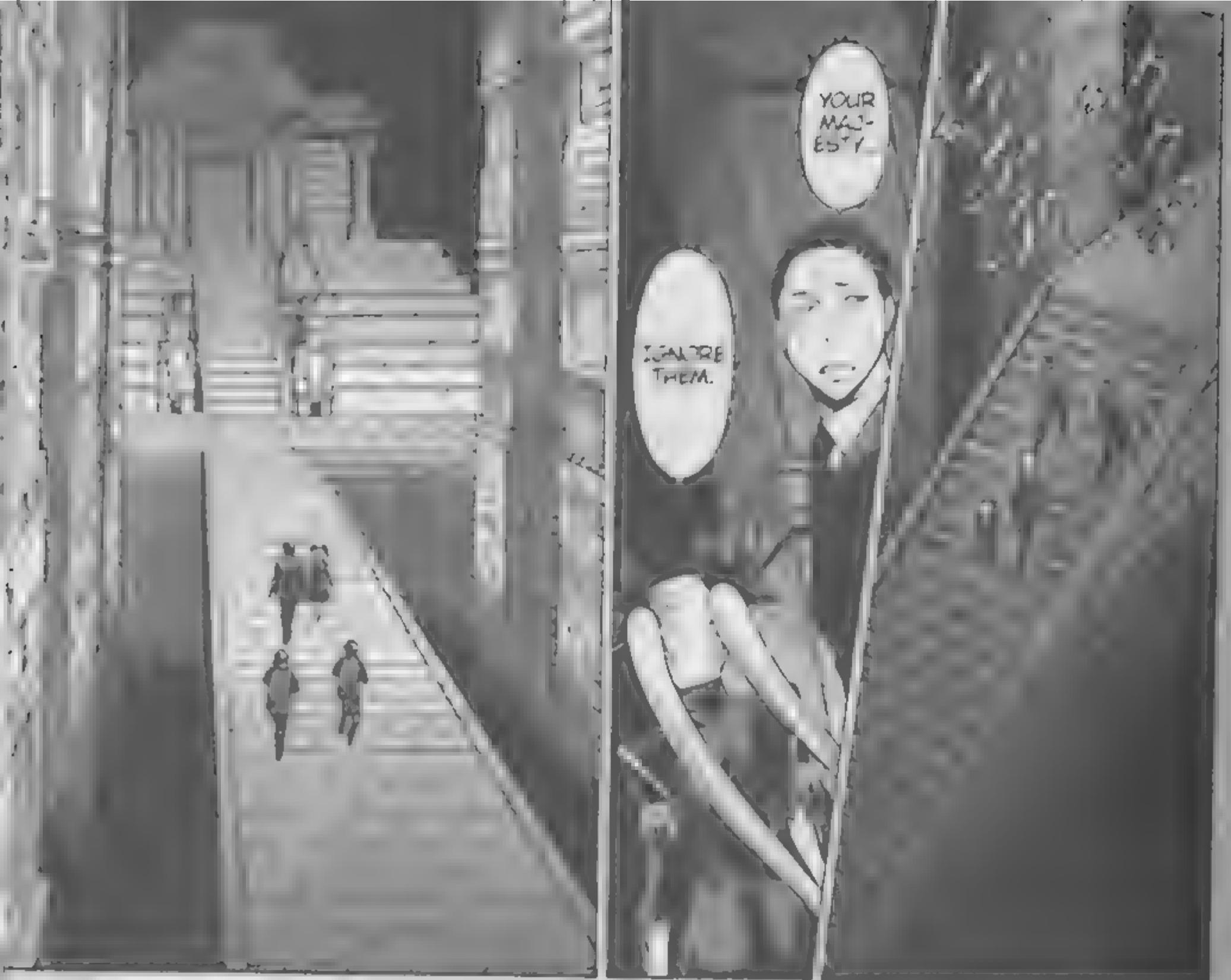












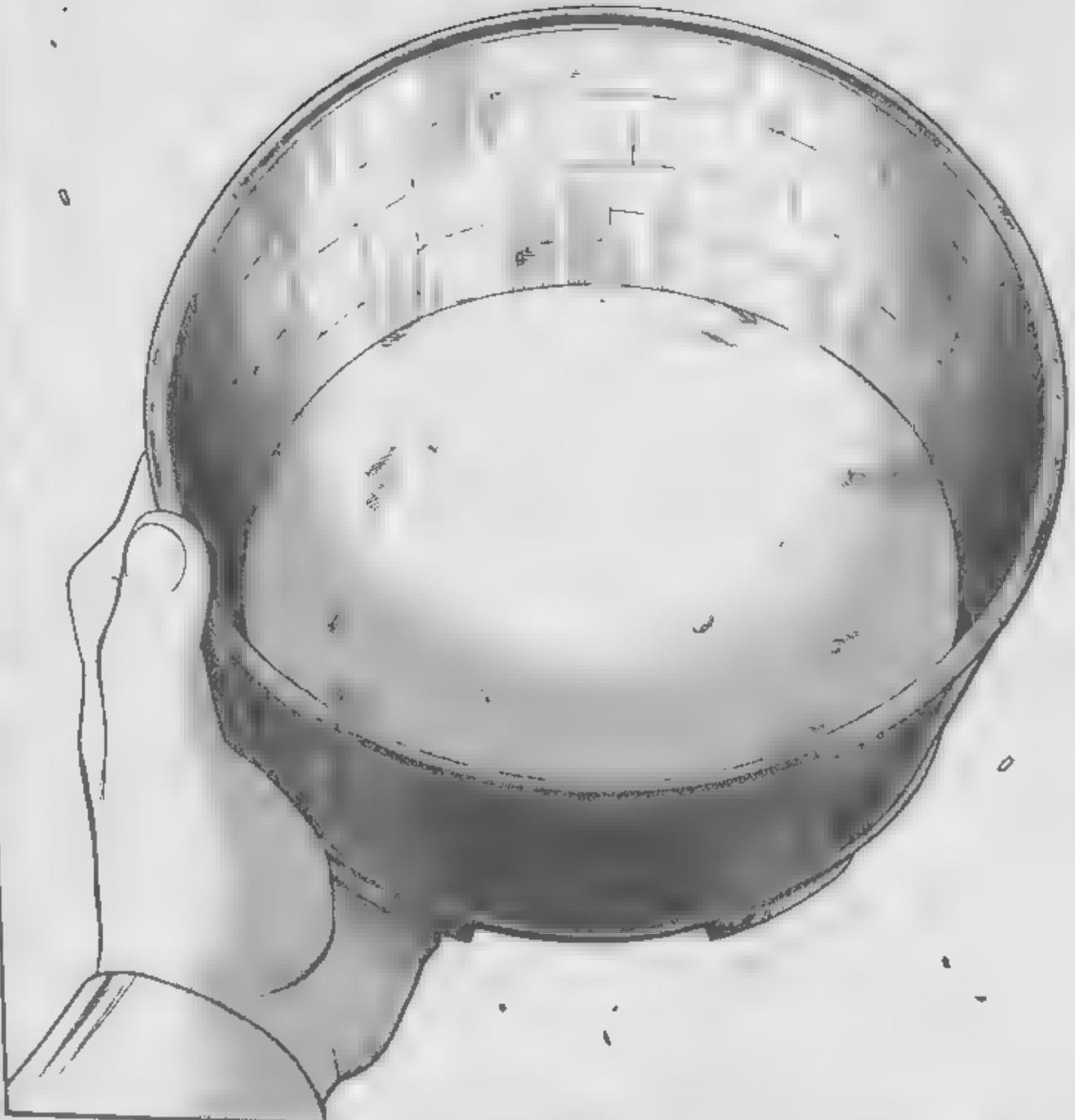




ETERNITY
IS
MINE!!



WH-
WHAT
IS
THIS
...?



DAMN
IT!!



ERM
...
P-
PERHAPS
SOME-
ONE
ELSE
ARRIVED
FIRST
AND--



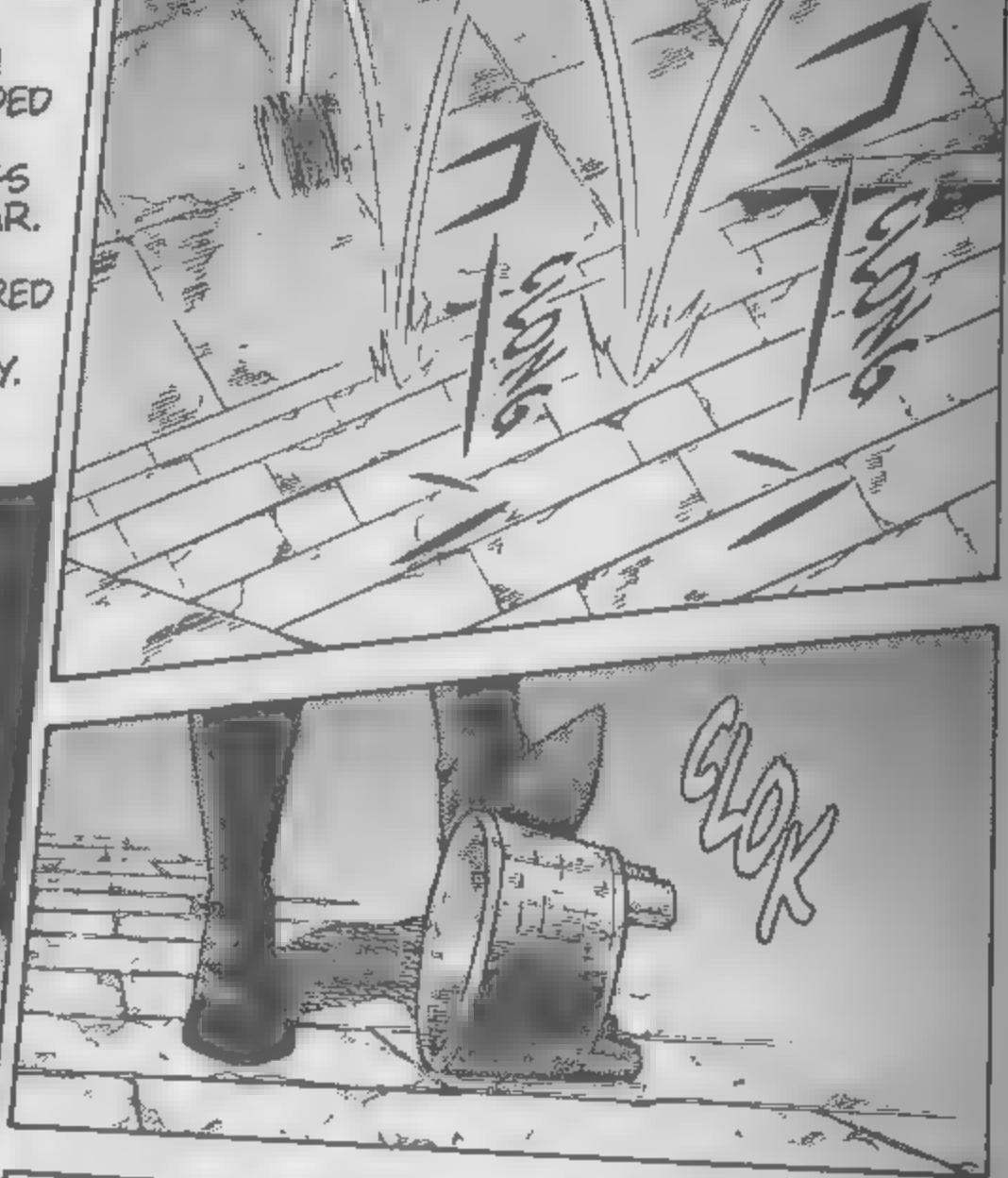
YOU TURNED MY ENTIRE WORLD UPSIDE DOWN, AND SHOOK IT. ALL FOR THE SAKE OF ONE EMPTY BOWL.

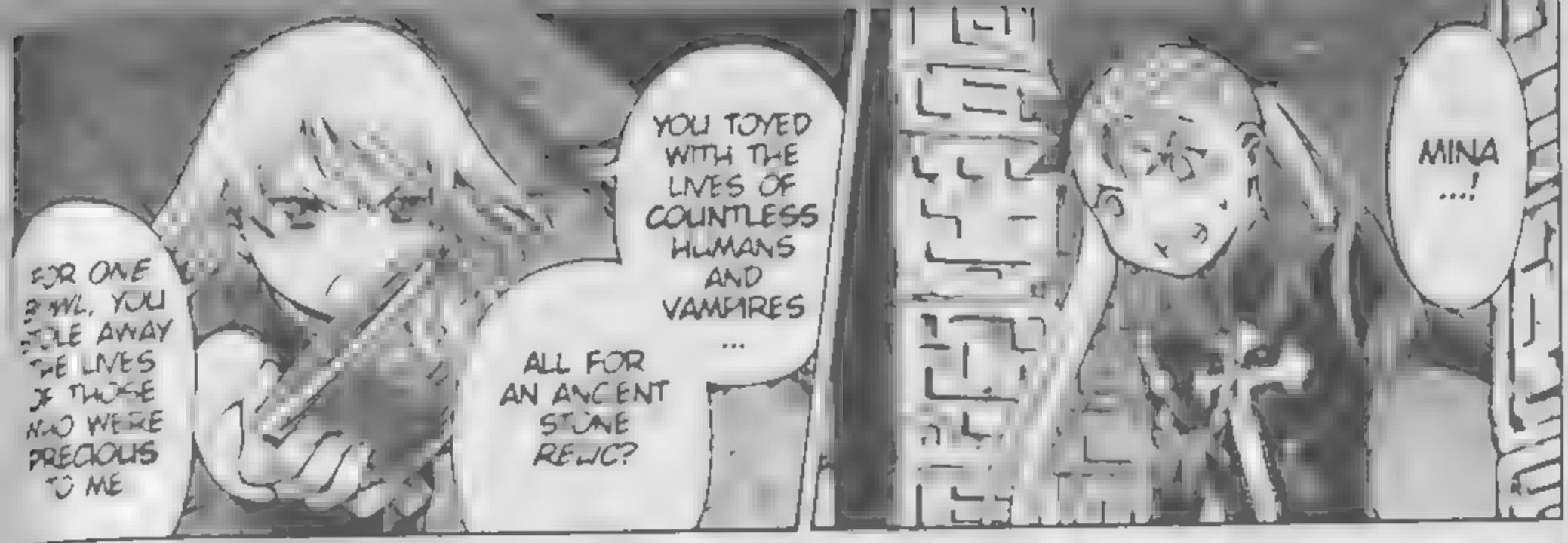
YOU SOUNDED THE GONGS OF WAR. YOU DECLARED ME ENEMY.

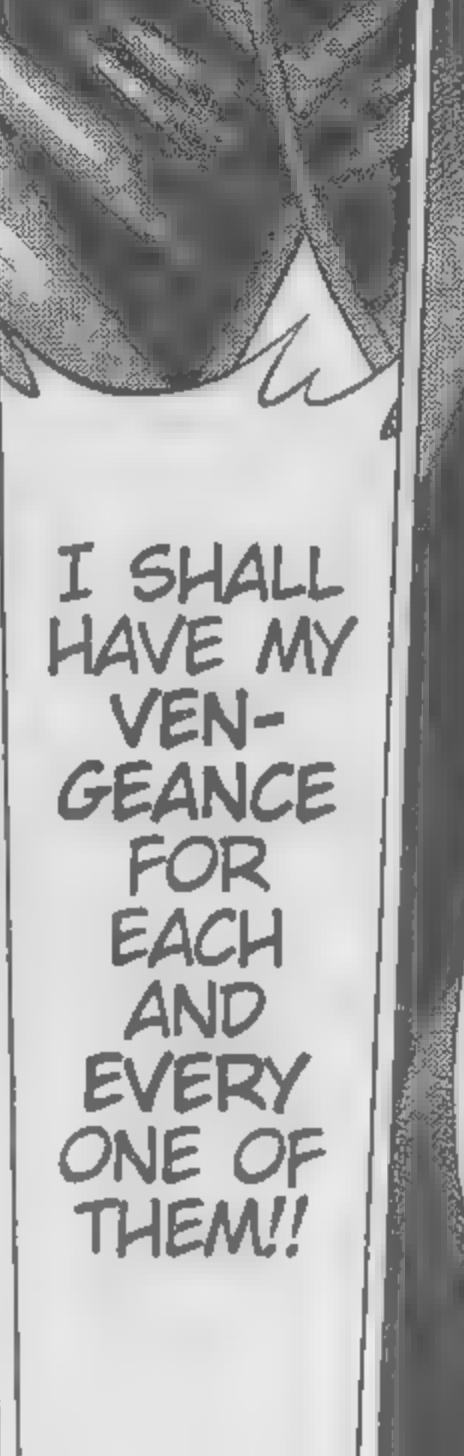
HOW LITTERLY LAUGH-ABLE.

BUT IT SEEMS OBVIOUS THAT WHATEVER YOU FOUND WASN'T TO YOUR LIKING.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT IT IS YOU HAVE BEEN SEARCHING FOR...



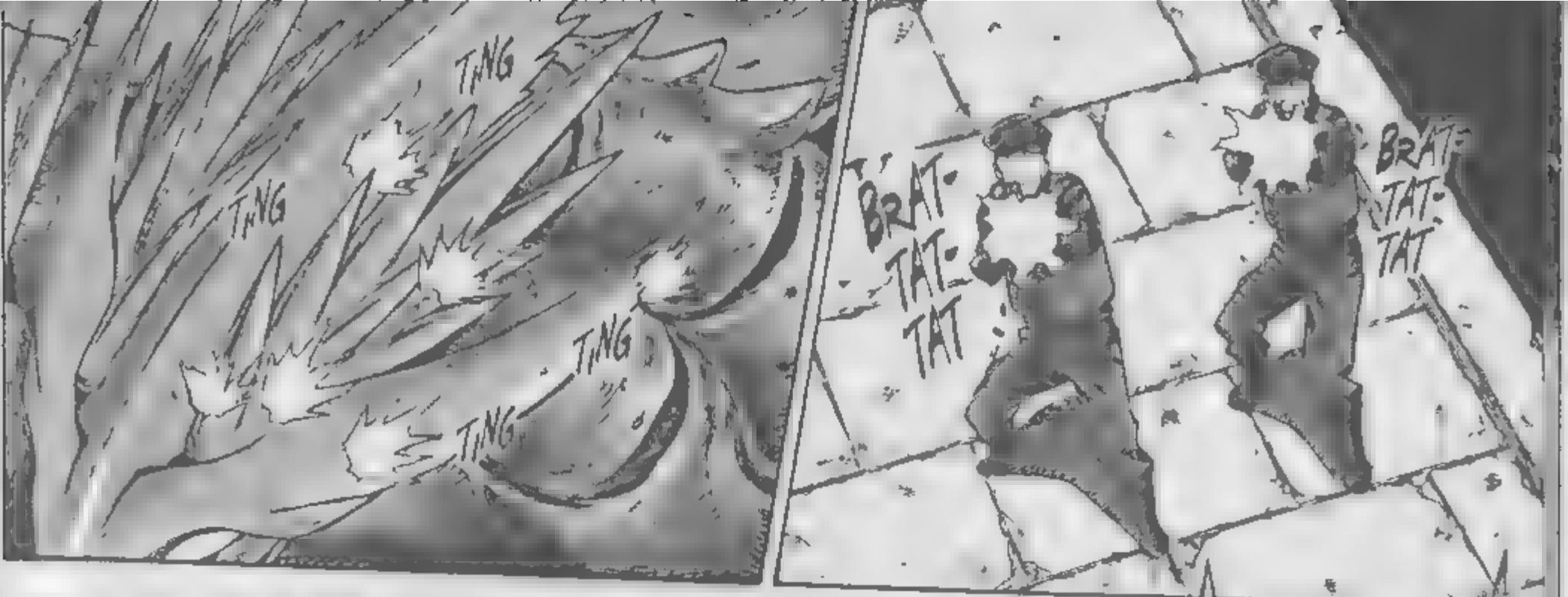
















YOU
DID
IT!

AKI-
RA!

THE

Roach



W.M. TUF
TENT NAMES
BUD
ROSE BUD
THE FAWN BUD
MISTLETOE
ANGEL BUD
WINGED WANDERER
WIND BUD
THE
BURNING CHARIOT
CATHARINE
WONDER



MAMA,
THE ONE
WHO BEARS
THE PURE
BLOOD OF
TEPPES.

YOU.

WHO
WANTS
ARE
YOU?





THAT'S IT,
HIME-SAN!

YOU ...

ARE NOT
MY HIME-SAN!

I TOLD
YOU,
REMEMBER?

DO IT
NOW!!







WATCH
AS I
DESTROY
YOUR
BELOVED
MINA!!

HA
HA!
LOOK,
AKIRA!

AAH!





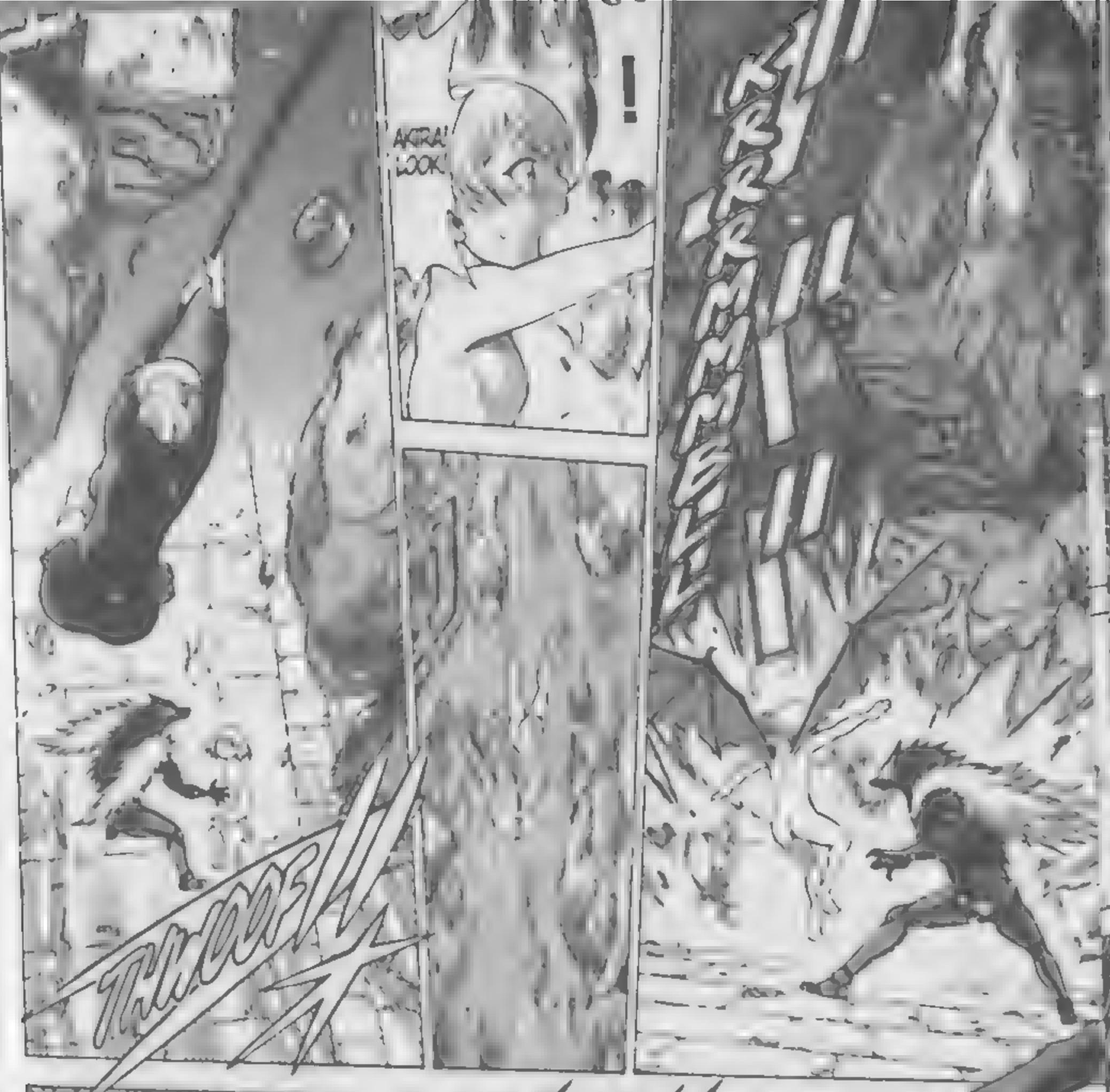
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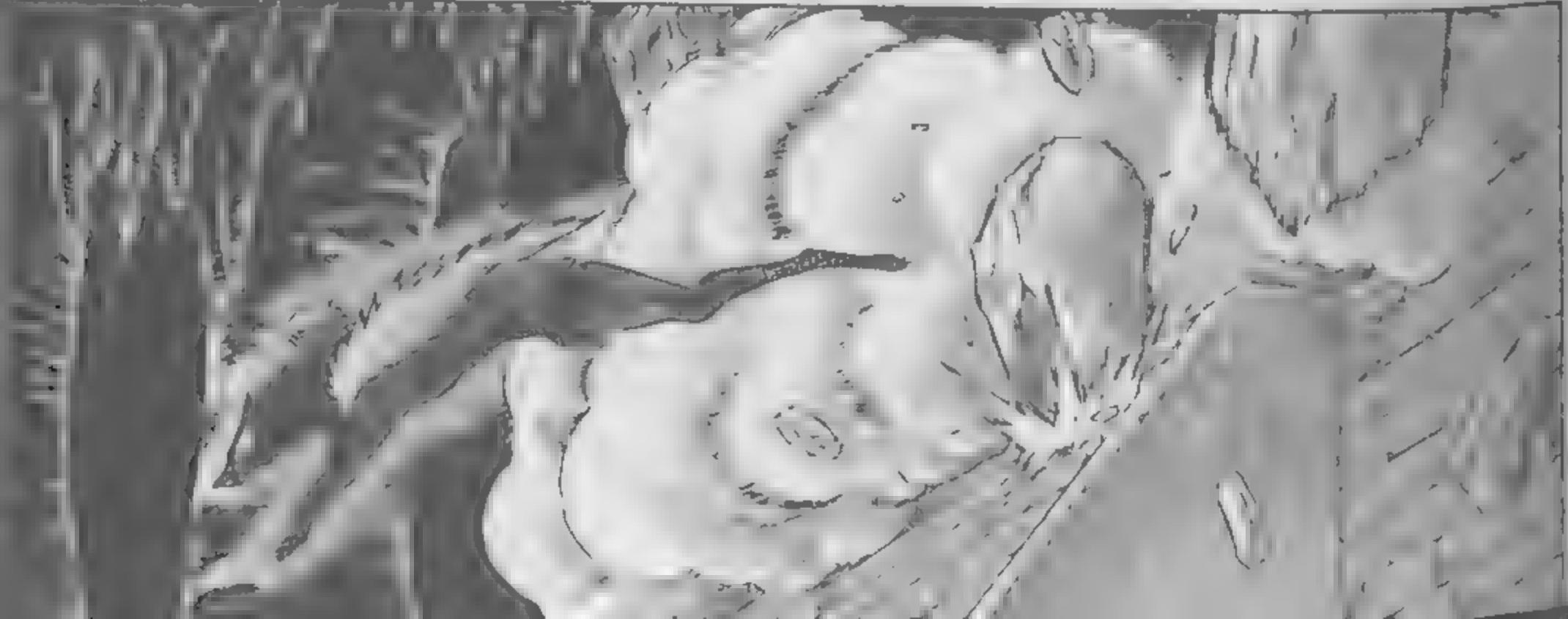
CLEVELAND

HFF!

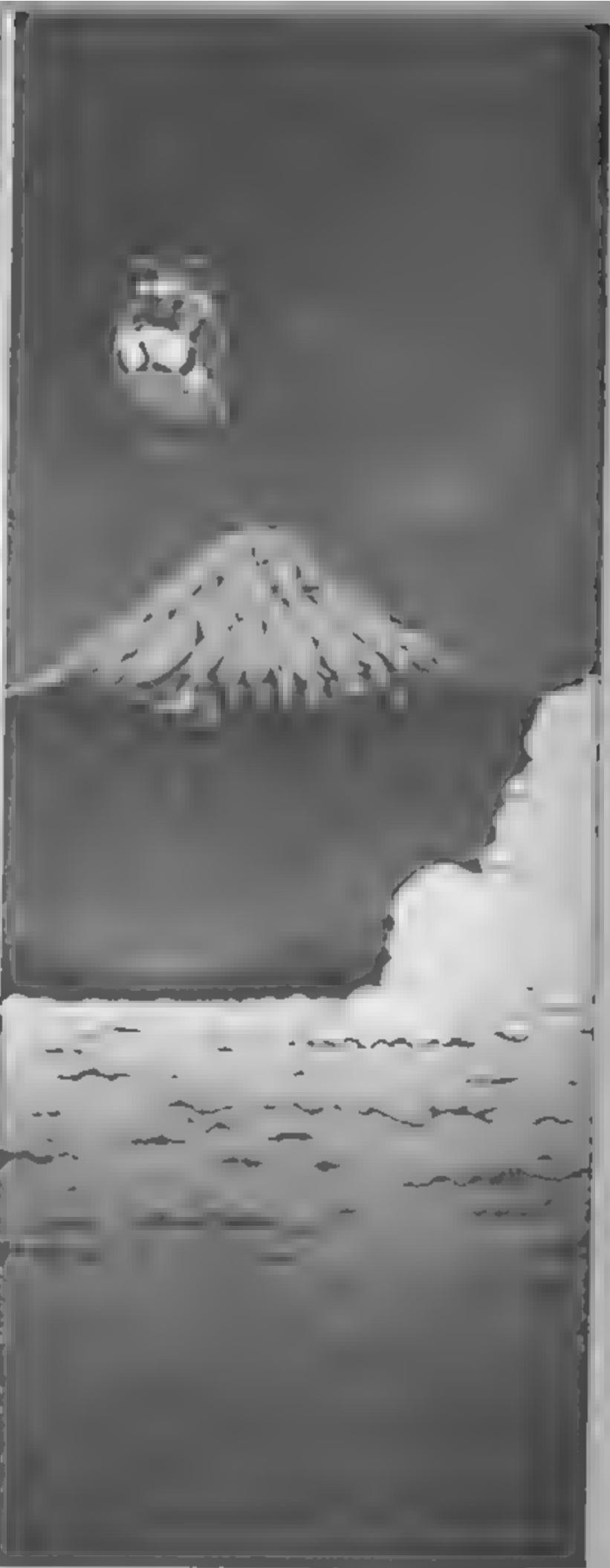
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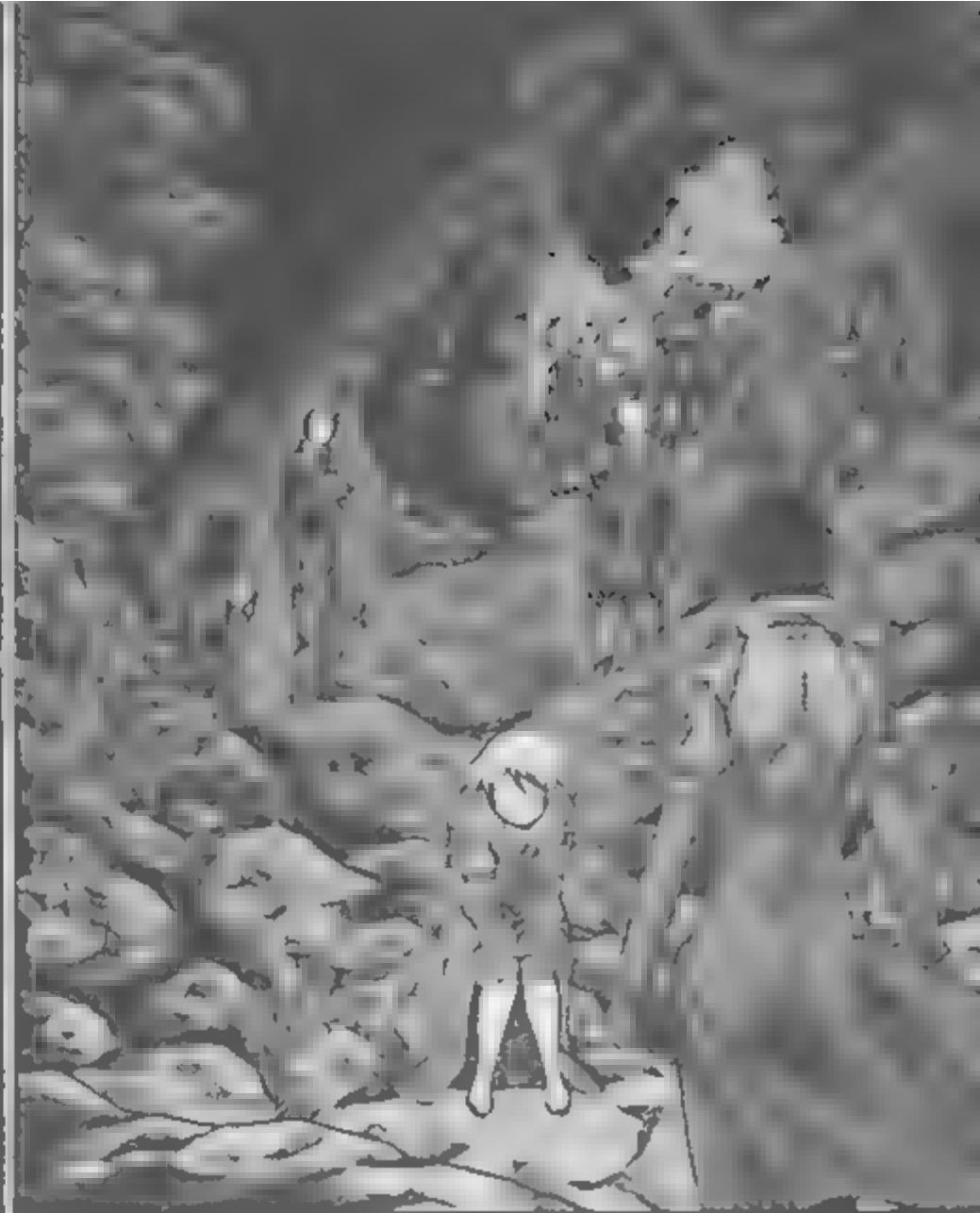


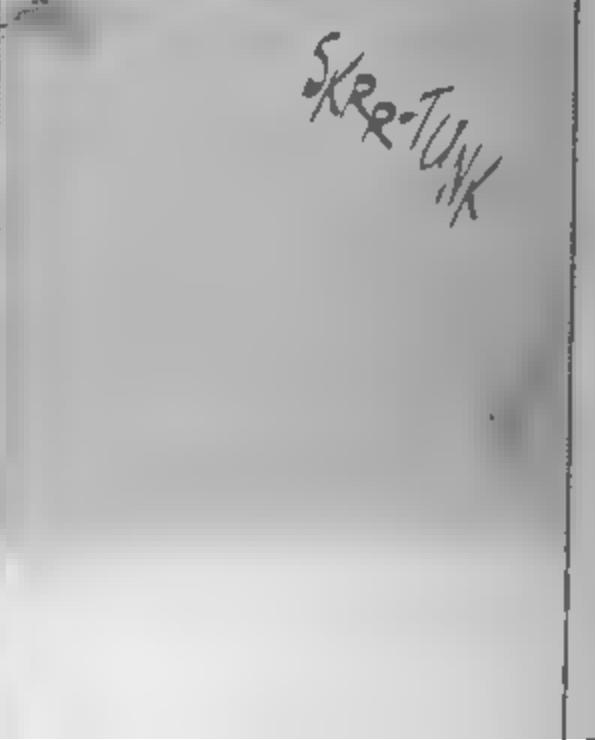
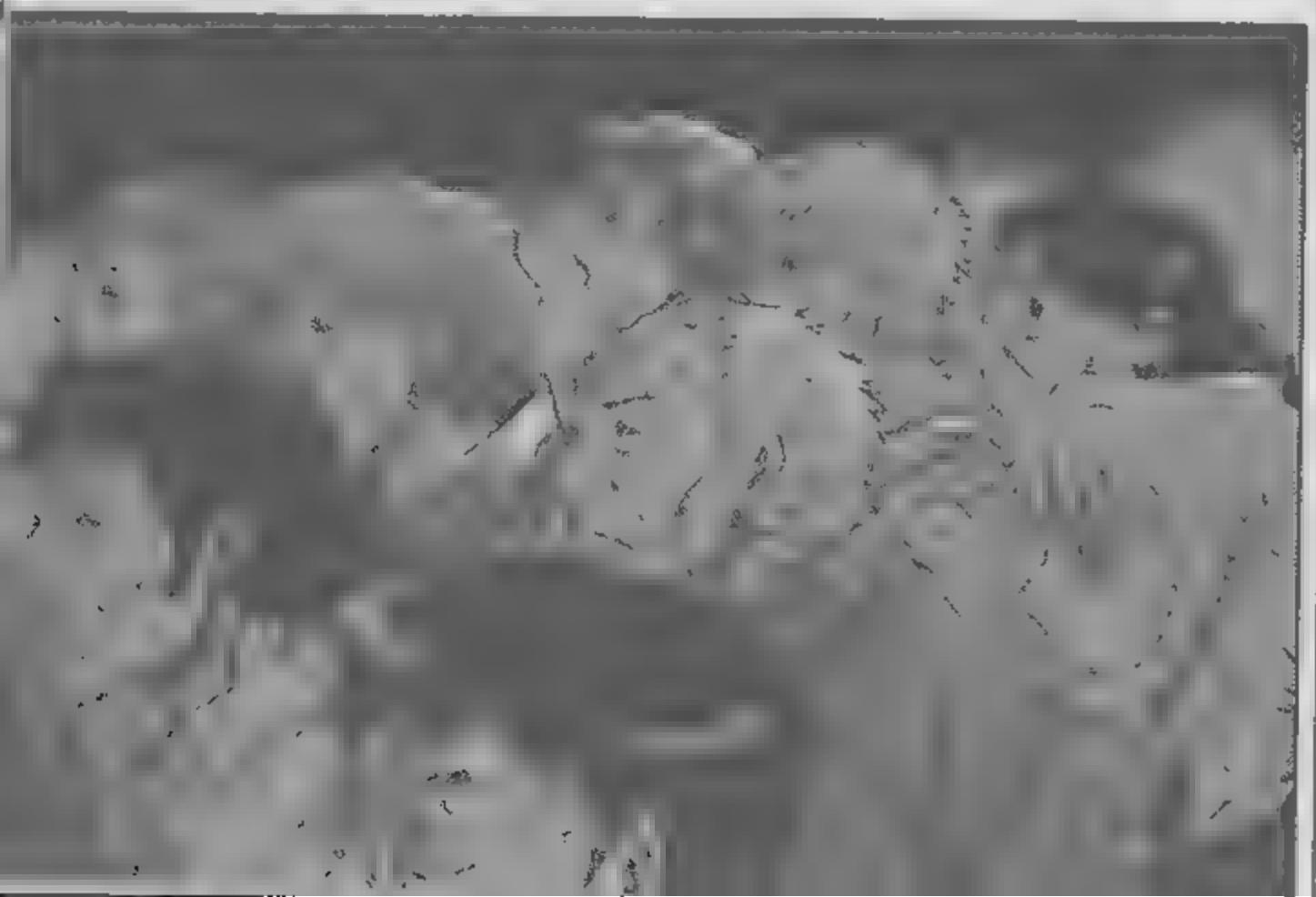
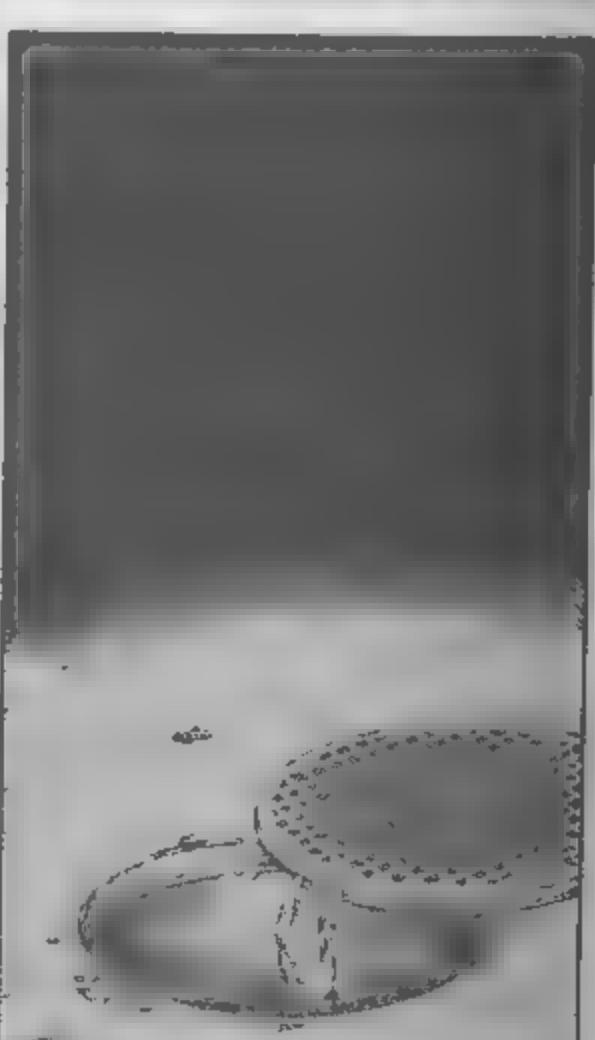


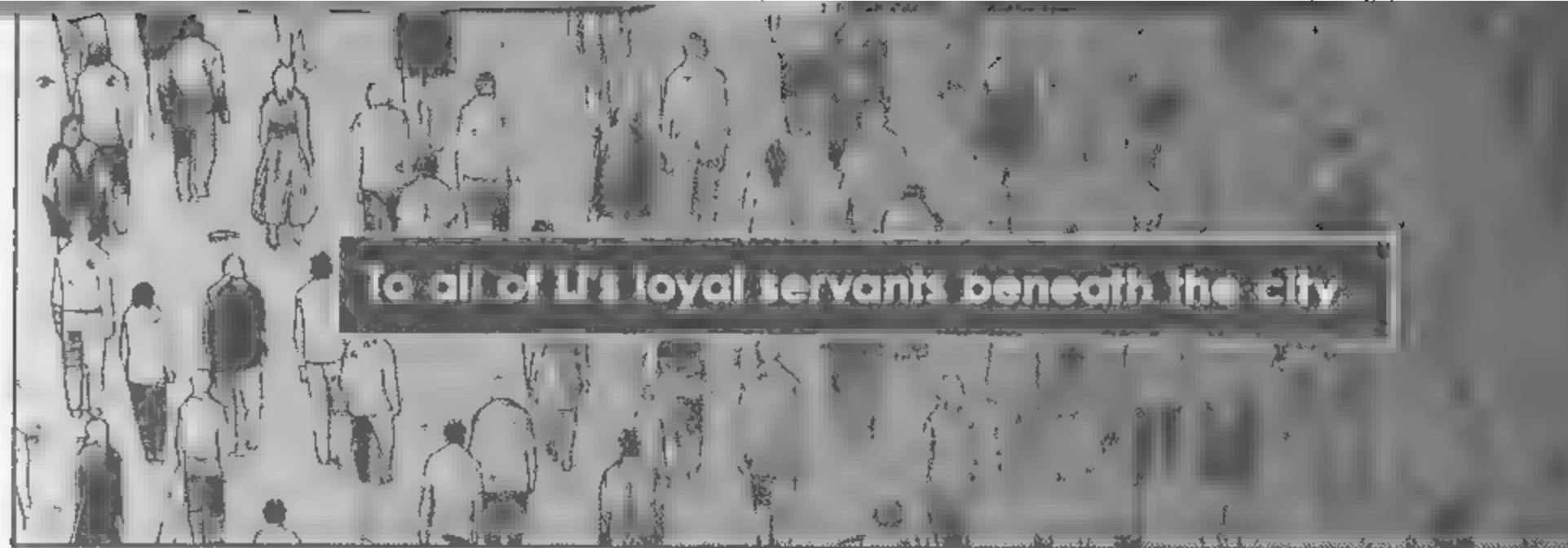












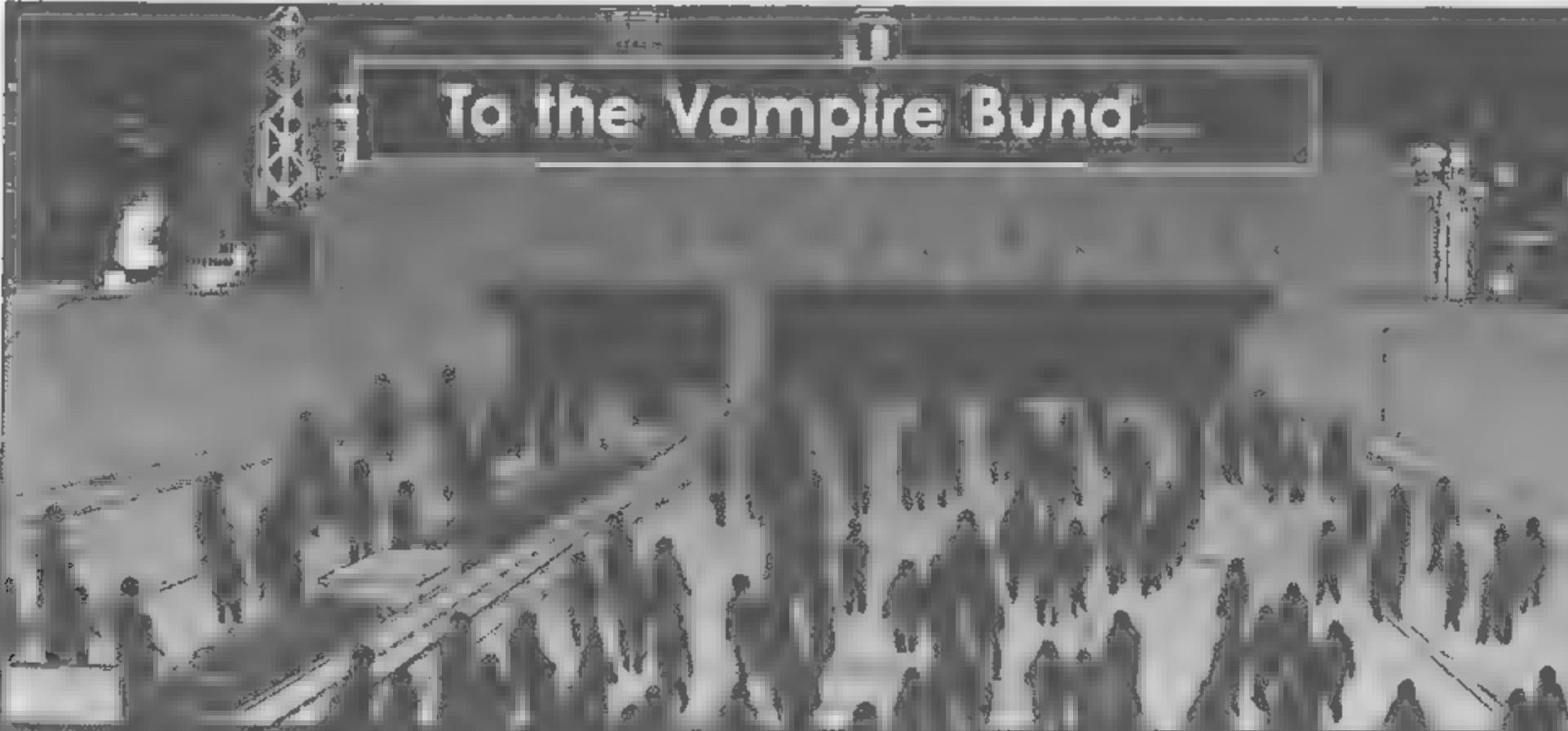
To all of us: loyal servants beneath the city



You are ordered to come out of hiding immediately



Gather together and go to the Vampire Bund



To the Vampire Bund



For the glory of Clan Li

LET US
RETURN
AS
WELL.

THEY'RE
ALL
HEADED
TO THE
BUND.

WELL,
THAT DOES IT.
THEY'VE
CONFIRMED
THAT MASS
NUMBERS OF
VAMPIRES
HAVE
STARTED TO
MOVE.

SO
THAT'S
IT.
IT'S ALL
OVER...

I
GUESS.



WHERE
EVERYONE
WE LOVE
AWAITS
US.

TO OUR
HOME...

—MEANWHILE, IN THE AMAZON JUNGLE OF SOUTH AMERICA—







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